

# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** “Two Trumpet Tunes for Organ” - Telemann  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.  
**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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
**and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gathering Song: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” - ELW #519**  
*All sing refrain; Soloist sings verses*

## Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***"Up to You I Life My Eyes"*** - A paraphrase of Psalm 130

*Dave Lekwa, soloist*

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children at Heart Sermon

## Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

### *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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## Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

The Gospel according to Mark

### Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "We All are One in Mission" ELW #576

## **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:** *"As the Deer"* - words and music by Martin Nystrom, arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Steve Lekwa & Dave Lekwa, vocal duet; Sue Lekwa, accompanist*

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

## **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.

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Trumpet Tune Duet"* - Jeremiah Clarke  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## 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*

Katy Beno  
*sister of Sandy Christian*

Kathy Larsen

Eric Forsyth

Ardith Forsyth

Crystal Vines

Chuck Ray

Katie Bass  
*niece of Judy Coverdale*

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*

John Bass  
*son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson*

Carol Vincent

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers  
*daughter of Shellie Black*

Donna See

Norma Dannan  
*friend of Betty Runge*

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

### Order Your Shirt Today for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday!

“God's Work. Our Hands.” Sunday is September 8, 2024. Following a brief sending service that morning our congregation will be participating in various service activities. This year we are ordering special shirts to mark the day! Please sign up in the narthex and let us know your shirt size no later than August 11 so that we can make sure we have them in time for September. Thank you!



### Save the Date!

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

### Memorial Handbells Ringer Needed

If you have ever thought about joining the excitement of ringing in Memorial's Handbell Choir, now is the time. We are seeking a bass bell ringer for the next program year. No experience is necessary, however some musical background is helpful. Contact Lois Theesfield for more information. 515-231-1477 or [loistfield@gmail.com](mailto:loistfield@gmail.com)

### Flood Relief for Western Iowa Synod

We pray for the Western Iowa Synod's communities affected by rising flood waters. Help is needed through financial support at [wisynod.org/give](http://wisynod.org/give) (click "Lutheran Disaster") and through the donation of Flood Buckets. Instructions on assembling these much-needed buckets of cleaning supplies can be found on the bulletin board on your way to Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help!

### 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](http://bit.ly/memorialconnect) or by using the QR code.



### 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)

## 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>

## 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*

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

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

### **“Christmas in July”**

When: July 28 during 9:00 AM worship service

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