

# Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** Settings of “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” - arr. Behnke/Kosche  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## **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 Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - ELW #807

### Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.'

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 85:8-13

*Spoken by Emilia Stage and Danny Golden*

<sup>8</sup>*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;*

*for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.*

<sup>9</sup>*Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.*

<sup>10</sup>*Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

<sup>11</sup>*Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

<sup>12</sup>*The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.*

<sup>13</sup>*Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.*

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

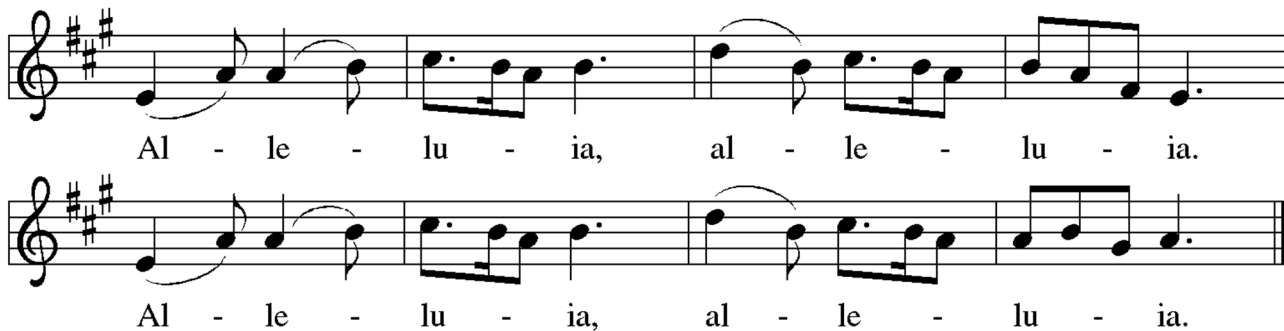
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation

*All sing twice through*

#### *Celtic Alleluia*



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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## Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared

John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day: "Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping" - ACS #1050



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
 2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
 tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep-ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
 com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor-rows swal-low and of - fers  
 The Spir - it sings though we are shak-en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and  
 shared our heart-felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -



hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.  
 wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

## **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:** *"Jesus Loves Me"* - arr. Tim Doran  
*Cathy Carsrud and Danny Golden, handbells; Emilia Stage, violin*

### **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.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

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!

**Hymns during Communion:** *"Lamb of God"* - ELW #195  
*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* ELW #697

### 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:** *"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"* ELW #548

### Dismissal

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

**Postlude:** *"Prelude in F Major"* - J.S. Bach  
*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!



### 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*

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

When: July 14 during 9:00 AM worship service

### **TODAY: 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

### **Hymn of the Day—Copyright**

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