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The flowers on the altar were provided by Ken & Marilyn Nelson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary! Congratulations, Ken & Marilyn!

Prelude: "Songs of the Shepherd" - arr. Jerry van der Pol, Chris Rice,
John Carter
Lois Theesfield, 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: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” - ELW #883

Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “My Shepherd You Supply My Need” - ELW #782

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

Celtic Alleluia



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Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

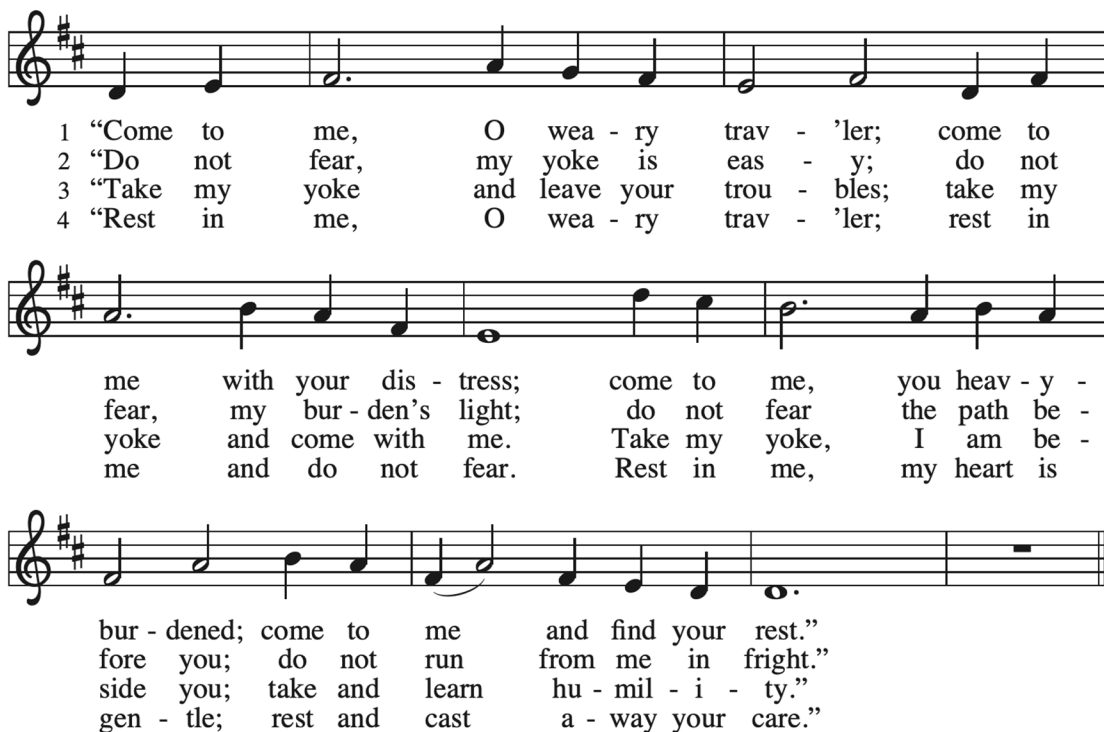
⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” - ACS #1017



1 “Come to me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; come to
2 “Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 “Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 “Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den’s light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.”
fore you; do not run from me in fright.”
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.”
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.”

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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: *"Shout to the Lord"* - Darlene Zschech
Aly Sassman, soloist

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW #789

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: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #611

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Toccata on *"Old Hundredth"* - setting by Michael Burkhardt
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 Julie and Brad Samson and their family in prayer following the death of Brad's father

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

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

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 (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 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. 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.

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, Capital Improvement (for upcoming building projects), A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place (heating and cooling project), and more!

Save the Date

“Christmas in July”

When: July 28 during 9:00 AM worship service

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, August 1, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

MLC Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, August 5, 4:00 PM

Wednesday Night Live! Kick-off Party

When: Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 PM

Weekly Wednesday Night Live!, Confirmation, and Youth Group Resume

When: Wednesday, September 4

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

When: Sunday, September 8

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