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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa
The flowers on the altar are in honor of +Chuck Ray

***FH = FAVORITE HYMN**

*Thank you to all who added your favorite hymn(s) to the Music Bulletin Board that graced our hallway this summer. As promised, during the month of August, the hymns from this list will be incorporated into our worship. Many will be played for preludes, voluntaries, and postludes. Many will be sung by the congregation. Watch for the (*FH) symbol in our bulletin indicating a favorite from the list. Listen, Sing, and Enjoy!*

FH* **Prelude:** "Have No Fear Little Flock" - arr. Michael Burkhardt
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.

FH* Gathering Song: "Day by Day" - ELW #790

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ [Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

To be read by congregation alternating sides

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

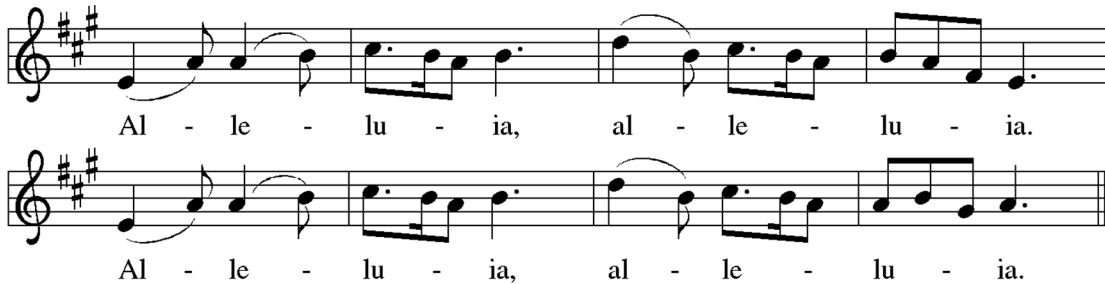
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

Celtic Alleluia



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

³⁵ Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn Sing

Congregation to choose from following list:

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| 1. Shall We Gather At the River | ELW #432 |
| 2. The King of Love My Shepherd Is | ELW #502 |
| 3. What a Friend We Have in Jesus | ELW #742 |
| 4. Amazing Grace | ELW #779 |
| 5. Softly and Tenderly | ELW #608 |
| 6. Be Thou My Vision | ELW #793 |
| 7. Morning Cry | ELW #732 |
| 8. Lord Jesus You Shall be My Song | ELW #808 |
| 9. How Great Thou Art | ELW #856 |
| 10. Children of the Heavenly Father | ELW #781 |

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

FH* **Music Voluntary:** *"I Love to Tell the Story"* - arr. Charles Ore
Lois Theesfield, organ

Offering Prayer

God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
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;
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
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:



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

Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.

Hymns during Communion: "Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10
"Let Us Break Bread Together" - ELW #471

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

God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

God bless you and keep you,
+ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.
Amen.

FH* Sending Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *"Blessed Assurance"* - arr. David Cherwien
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 Bert Ann Ray and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, +Chuck Ray

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

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

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

Honoring +Chuck Ray: Silent Auction for Duck Decoys

Memorial Lutheran member +Chuck Ray has donated eight hand-carved and meticulously hand painted duck decoys to the church. Although Chuck created them to attract ducks, each one is also a beautiful piece of art that would be an attractive decoration in any home. It is Chuck's desire that they be auctioned and the proceeds given to the church. The decoys will be on display as a "silent auction" from Sunday, August 11 through Sunday, August 25. Each will have a silent auction signup sheet. Those interested in purchasing one or more of the decoys can enter their name and their bids as many times as they like. Bids will close at 10:30 AM on August 25, and each decoy will go to the highest bidder.

Back to School Blessing - Sunday, August 18

As in past years, we encourage all students, teachers, and support staff to bring a backpack or other supply item with them as we give a special blessing during worship on Sunday, August 18.

Special Worship and Event featuring the BMX Stunt Dudes - Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 am

First United Methodist Church in Nevada will be holding an event featuring the Stunt Dudes in the Pavilion at the Fair Grounds this Lincoln Highway Days. Check it out after worship at Memorial that morning!

Wednesday Night Live Kick Off Party - Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30 - 8 pm

The whole congregation is invited to attend this party kicking off our Wednesday Night Faith Formation for the school year. Come celebrate the coming school year with us with pizza, games, crafts, and more. Bring a friend. Please note: **THIS IS FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION.**

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.



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!

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

Back to School Blessing

When: Sunday, August 18

Nevada CROP Hunger Walk at Lincoln Highway Days Parade

When: Saturday, August 24

Special Worship and Event featuring the BMX Stunt Dudes

When: Sunday, August 25, 10:30 AM

Where: Fairgrounds

Wednesday Night Live! Kick-off Party

When: Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 PM

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Resume

When: Tuesday, September 3

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

When: Wednesday, September 4

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, September 5, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

When: Sunday, September 8

Camping with Memorial

When: September 28—29

Where: Hickory Grove Park

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