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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:** "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Craig Mather / Anne Krenz Organ
Lois Theesfield, piano

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: "Here I Am, Lord" - ELW #574

Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.
Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: *"Andante Cantabile", from violin sonata no. 2—JS Bach,*
arr. Rhett Barnwell
Stacie Link, harp; Pr. Kathleen Lotz, cello

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

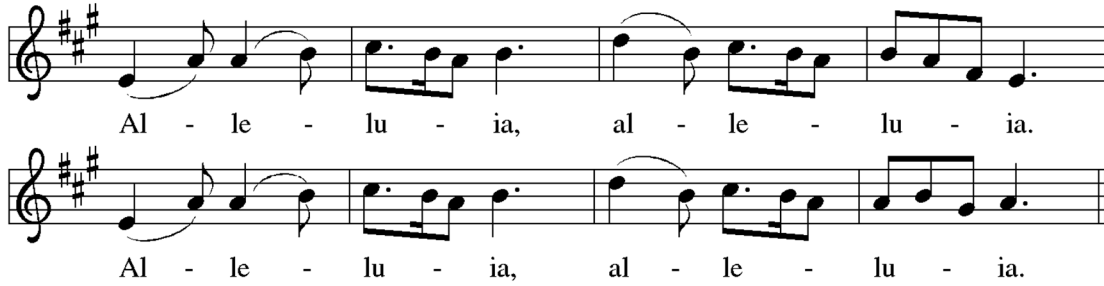
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon + Back to School Blessing

Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

Celtic Alleluia



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

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

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

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Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

⁵¹I 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.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “O Living Bread from Heaven” - ELW #542

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:** *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* - Burkhardt
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:



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

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

Hymns during Communion: *"I Am the Bread of Life"* - ELW #485
- verses sung by Dave Lekwa, ALL sing refrain
"Children of the Heavenly Father"- ELW #781 **FH***

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: "He Leadeth Me" - LBW #501



- 1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.



Refrain
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834–1918
Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1815–1868

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FH* Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation" - 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 Bernie Mens and family in your prayers following the death of his wife, +Lois Mens

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

Daniel Everitt
prayers for healing
nephew of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Judy Johnson

Pam Kirkhart

Katy Beno
sister of Sandy Christian

Kathy Larsen

Eric Forsyth

Ardith Forsyth

Crystal Vines

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

**“God’s Work. Our Hands.” t-shirts are on the way!
Suggested donation: \$15 / shirt**

Thank you to all who placed an order for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” t-shirts. The group order has been placed and if you are able, a suggested donation per shirt comes to \$15. Please bring these donations to the box on the wall outside Emily’s office, or place it in the offering plate. Please make sure to label them “GWOH T-shirt”. Thank you!

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.

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

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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