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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Meditation Prelude" - Nancy Faxon
Gretchen Theesfield, violin

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "All Are Welcome" - ELW #641

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Congregation will read by alternating sides

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together in groups. There are several rests and ties throughout the piece. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

30[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” 32But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” 34But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” 36Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* - ELW #712

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: *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* - arr. Cathy
Moklebust
Memorial Handbells with Gretchen Theesfield, violin

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy
ACS Setting 11



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



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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.

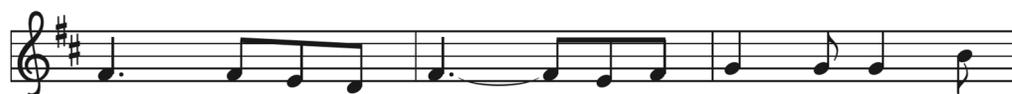
Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" - ACS Setting 11
"Jesus Loves Me" - ELW #595

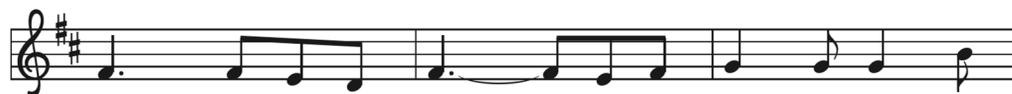
Lamb of God
ACS Setting 11



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

God all mighty,
God most merciful
+ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - ELW #815

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Jesus Loves Me" - arr. Valerie Stephenson
Memorial Handbells

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 Tom Kirkhart, Joe Kirkhart, Kara and Orson Nady, and the entire family in your prayers following the death of their wife and mother, +Pam Kirkhart

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

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

NEXT WEEKEND: Camping with Memorial September 28 - 29

Join us at Hickory Grove September 28-29 for the MLC Camping Weekend! All are invited to join us for activities at the Oriole Ridge Lodge at Hickory Grove, including **Sunday worship at 10:00am on the 29th also outdoors at the lodge** (there will be *no* worship at Memorial on the 29th). Please note that if you intend to stay the night, you must secure your own campsite by contacting the campground.

Camping weekend activities include:

- Kayaking and fishing (please bring your own lifejacket if you plan on kayaking)
- All ages photo scavenger hunt
- Yard and table games
- Crafts
- Campfire with s'mores
- Sunday worship with Holy Communion at the lodge
- Sunday brunch following worship (please bring an item to share)

Registration Open for Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, October 6, come join us in fighting hunger locally and globally! This year's CROP Hunger Walk will include live music and walking tacos at Evergreen Lane as we walk to SCORE Park and back. Whether you join in the walk or come out and support the walkers, grab your family and/or a friend to join in the fight against hunger!



- ◆ 12:00 - Walking tacos and live music begin at Evergreen Lane
- ◆ 1:00 - Walk send-off

Want to walk with us? Visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/nevadaia> to join team "Memorial Lutheran Church - Nevada, IA", register as an individual, start your own team, or make a donation.

Help Needed to Deliver Groceries from Ames to Story City

A resident of Story City is looking for help in delivering groceries from Ames to his and/or his sister's home. If you can help, please call the church office for more details. Thank you!

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!

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!***



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.



Save the Date

Camping with Memorial

*Join us for worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge at **10:00am** Sunday the 29th (there will be no worship at Memorial)*

When: September 28—29

Where: Hickory Grove Park

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago

Nevada CROP Hunger Walk

When: Sunday, October 6, 12:00 PM: walking tacos & entertainment

1:00 PM: Walk send-off

Where: Evergreen Lane

MLC Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, October 7, 4:00—7:00 PM (any amount of time you can help would be greatly appreciated!)

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

When: Wednesday, October 9, 1:00—3:00 PM

Trunk-or-Treat

When: Sunday, October 27

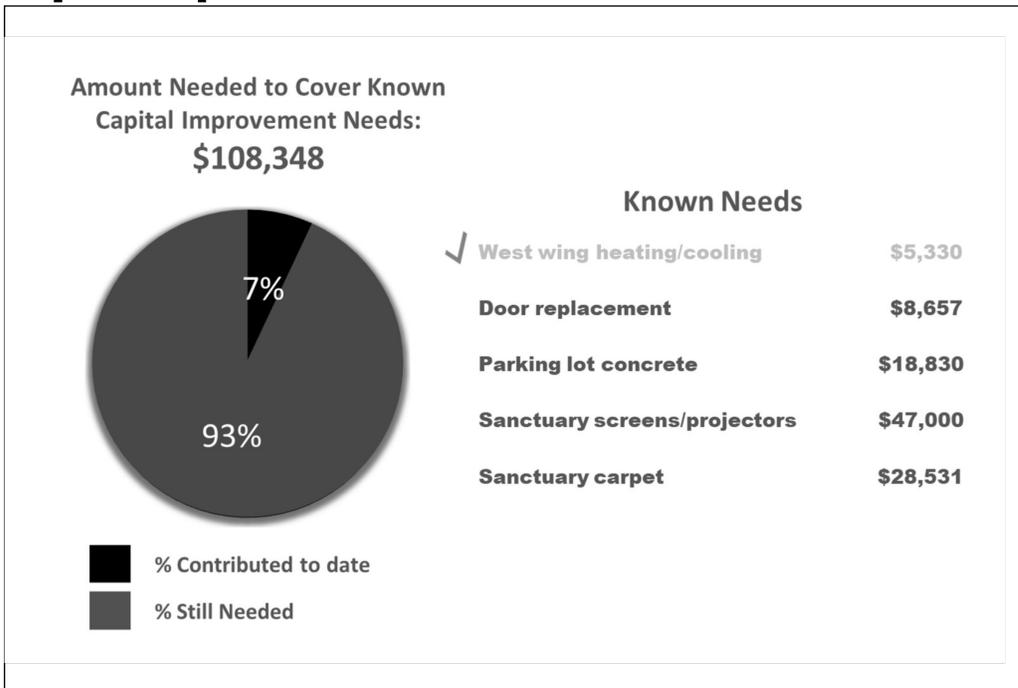
Spending Plan Forum

When: Sunday, November 3, 10:30am

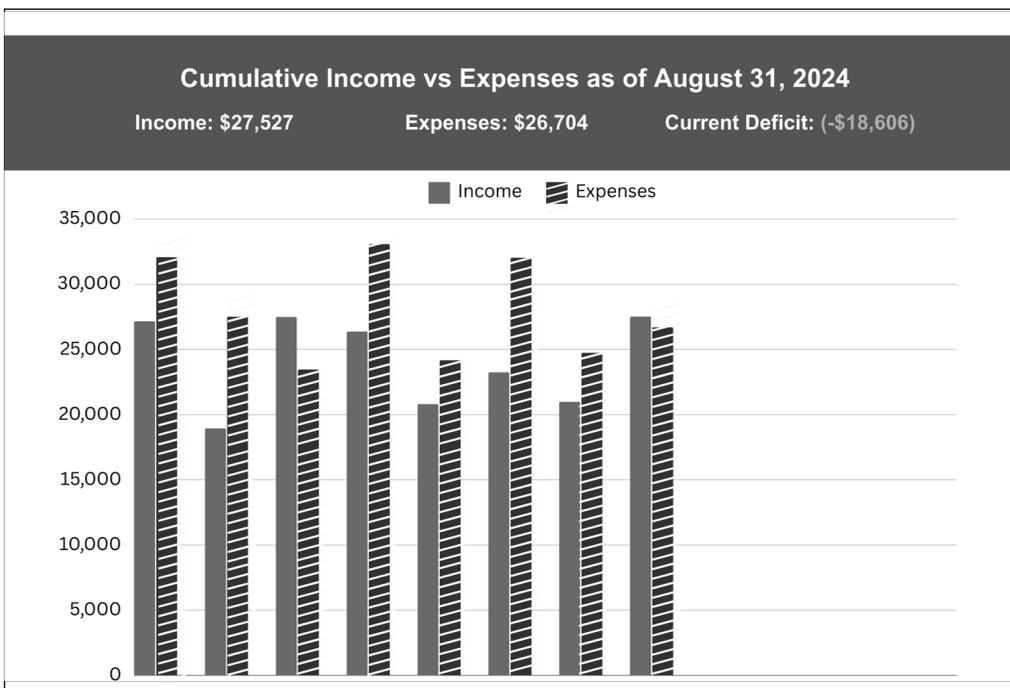
Spending Plan Forum

When: Wednesday, November 6, 6:30pm

Capital Improvement Needs



General Fund Giving



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