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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Appassionata" - Michael Joy
Memorial Handbells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are + forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: "Shall We Gather at the River" - ELW #423

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**2 For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**4 Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

5 They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**6 Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**10 Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

All sing twice through

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the lyrics: "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." The second system contains the lyrics: "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." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep.

³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And

Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Give Thanks for the Saints" - ELW #428

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All Saints' Commemoration and Prayers

P In the new Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon

C for the glory of God will be its light.

P Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation,

C and they worship God night and day.

P Surely he is coming soon.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Listen to and remember the words of the book of Revelation

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. (Revelation 7:13-14, 17)

P We give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we remember those dear to us who have died:

Brett Anderson

Darla Bohrer

Donna Braatz

Rose Costa

Kevin Edwards

Vanessa Coverdale Gish

Lynn Harris

Chad Highland

Lou Ihle

Marvin Jacques

James Kemis

Pamela "Pam" Sue Kirkhart

Robert "Bob" Klopping

Connie Krupp

Meghan McIntosh

Lois Mens

Greg Verne Mjelde

Verna Lee Pierce

Thomas Plunkett

Chrissy Pyles

Charles "Chuck" William Ray

Bob Rod

Ernest "Ernie" Ruhde

Richard "Dick" Settle

Music Offering: *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* - arr. Rhett Barnwell
Stacie Link, harp

P Rest eternal grant them, O Lord.

C And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Peace

P Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: “Grazioso” - Arnold Sherman

Memorial Handbells; please see the insert for the moving story of “Grazioso”

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

Words of Institution

The 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

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" - ACS Setting 11

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" - ELW #628

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 - men.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "For All the Saints" - ELW #422, stanzas 1,2,6,7

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Jerusalem the Golden" - arr. Flor Peeters
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 the family of +Darla Bohrer (niece of Sandy Christian) following her death

Please keep Steve Halverson in your prayers following the death of his brother, Craig Halverson, in Dallas, Texas on Thursday, October 24. Craig graduated from Nevada High School in 1969

Please keep Janet Jacques in your prayers following the death of her husband, Marvin, on Saturday, October 26

Please keep the family of +Chad Highland in your prayers following his death on October 19

Mary-Anne Jungst
sister-in-law of Steve Jungst

Steve Schrum
father of Jill Rhodes

Jake Jacobson

Evelyn Onstot

Marty Schuler

Judy Johnson

Katy Beno
sister of Sandy Christian

Kathy Larsen

Eric Forsyth

Ardith Forsyth

Crystal Vines

Katie Bass
niece of Judy Coverdale

Wayne Johnson

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

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

Spending Plan Forums Today and November 6

As the Finance Team finalizes Memorial's General Fund Spending Plan (budget) for 2025, we will be holding two Spending Plan Forums: Today in the Lounge following worship and Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 PM also in the Lounge. This is your opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Spending Plan and to ask any questions you may have.

Council Nominees in Time of Discernment

Please pray for our Council nominees who are discerning their call to Church Council for 2025-2027. A quick reminder for those who have been nominated: **please submit your Response to Nomination form to the office by Sunday, November 24**. We will elect new Council members during worship on Sunday, December 8.

MLC Invited to Participate in Churchwide Survey

Our congregation has the unique opportunity to participate in a national study of worship attenders. The study is being conducted by Faith Communities Today (FACT), a research partner of the ELCA. Since 2000, FACT has conducted research that provides religious leaders of all traditions with critical information about the changing nature of congregational life and how to respond effectively.

For participating in this survey, our congregation will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card and, if at least 10 people respond, a report of our responses. Anyone 18 or older who is a regular participant can complete the survey. It should take between 12 to 15 minutes. To take the survey, please go here: <https://bit.ly/ChurchwideSurvey>

Please complete the survey by Friday, Nov. 22.

If you are interested in learning more about this study, please visit:

<https://www.covidreligionresearch.org/attender-survey/>

MLC Iowa Wolves Outing - February 23

We are hoping to get a group together again this year to attend an Iowa Wolves game at Wells Fargo Arena on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 for admission to the game. Food/beverage vouchers are optional and can be added on to any ticket. Sign up on the form in the Narthex or call the church office **no later than November 15. Bonus:** if we have at least 25 tickets, we'll get to shoot free throws and take a group photo on the court after the game!

Payments can be brought to the church office during regular office hours or dropped in the secure box outside the Parish Administrator's office.

Ministry Endowment Reception - November 14, 6:30 PM

Come out and learn more about some of the ministries and projects that will be benefitting from Memorial's 2024 Endowment Grant awards! Beverages and treats will be provided.

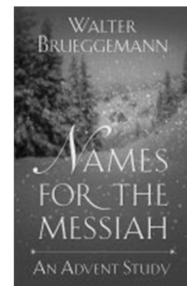
Thanksgiving Eve Service (and pie!)

Mark your calendars: Memorial's Thanksgiving Eve service will be held Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 PM, followed by delicious pie! All are invited to attend and to bring pie or other treats to share.

Upcoming Book Study

Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study - by Walter Brueggemann

Join us to explore four royal titles recorded in Isaiah 9:6 and how Christians throughout history have interpreted Jesus in light of these names. Author and theologian Walter Brueggemann is an Old Testament scholar and tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?" Join us Sundays after church in Advent to dig into this book together. We will meet at about 10:30 am on December 1, 8, 15, and 22. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per person to help cover the cost of the book. Sign up in the narthex or by e-mailing Pastor Kathleen at pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org.



MLC Member Survey

Earlier this year our congregation council set a goal to reach out to Memorial's membership in the hopes of listening well to the needs and hopes of our congregation. A subcommittee was formed to create a survey that would help in identifying what needs are being met, as well as what needs are not currently being met. The council needs everyone's honest feedback in order to identify how we can best serve and love as Memorial Lutheran Church. Thank you in advance for your time and your thoughts. Your participation will help us to grow and abide together in Christ for the sake of the world.



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

TODAY: Spending Plan Forum

When: Sunday, November 3, 10:30 AM

Spending Plan Forum

When: Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 PM

Ministry Endowment Grants Reception

When: Thursday, November 14, 6:30 PM

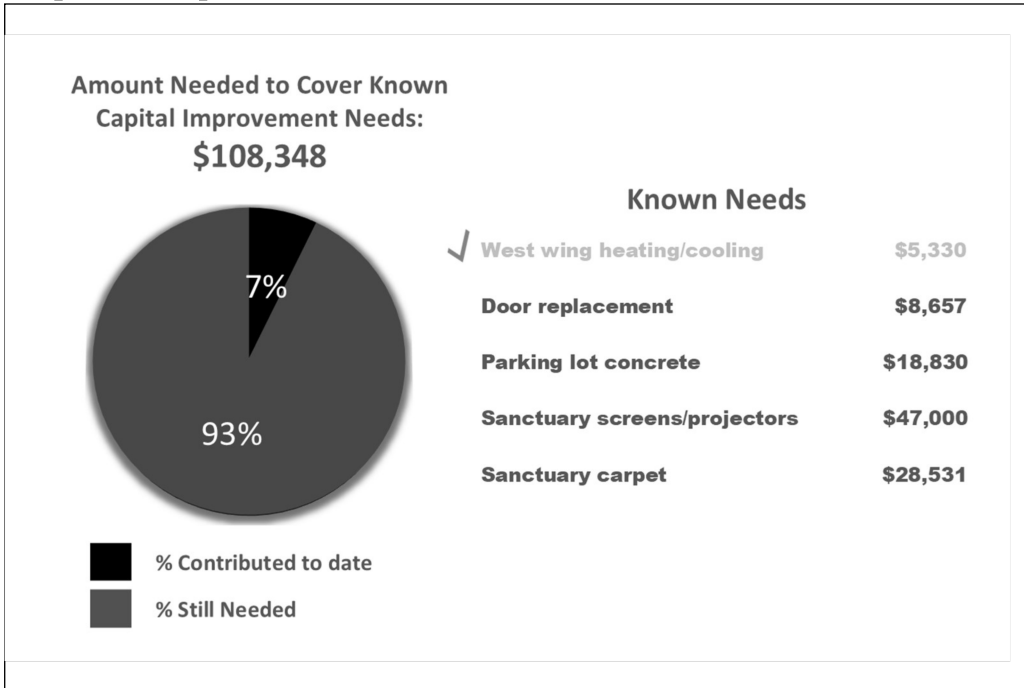
Thanksgiving Service and Pie Night

When: Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 PM

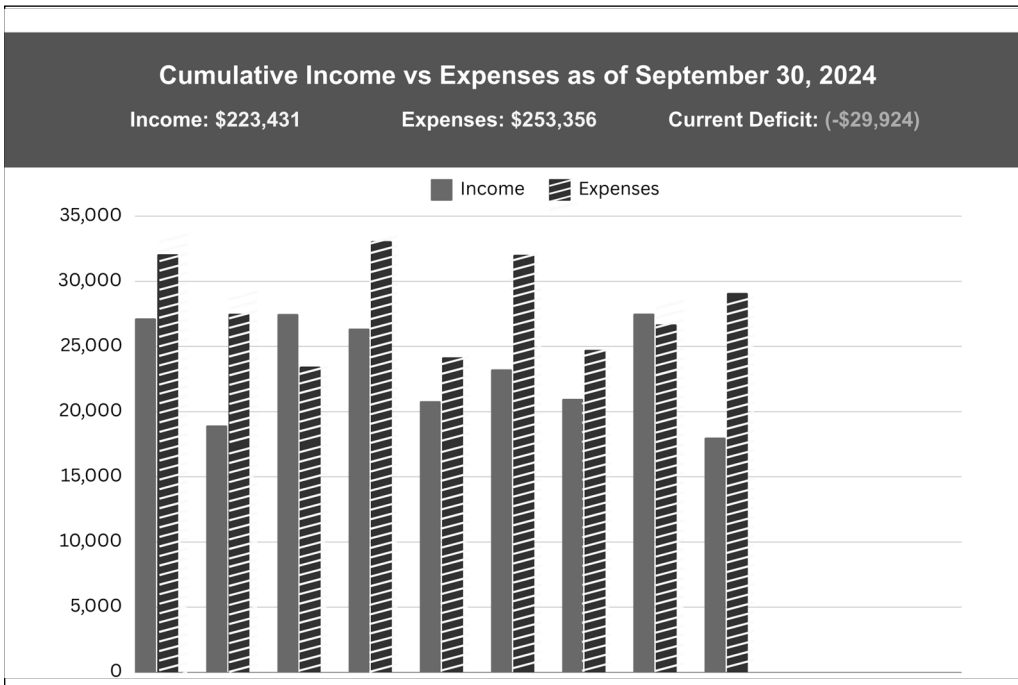
Christmas Vespers

When: Thursday, December 19, 6:30 PM

Capital Improvement Needs



General Fund Giving



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