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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* arr. Canning/Callahan
Emily Dalthorp, piano

Welcome

Gathering Song: *“Holy, Holy Holy Lord God Almighty”* - ELW #413

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;**

we assume the worst about one another.

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ’s ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In + Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,

and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”
The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 8

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day: “Here I Am, Lord” - ELW #574

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”* - Zschech, arr. Mark Hayes
Memorial Choir with soloist Aly Sassman

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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 - ELW Setting 8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Hymns during Communion

“Lamb of God” - ELW Setting 8

“Come Let Us Eat” - ELW #491—Leader: Dave Lekwa

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Send Me, Lord” - ELW #809

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Trumpet Tune”* - Wilbur Held
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 Jana Ballantyne and family in your prayers following the death of her mother, Shirley Mae Weyant

Please keep Arlys & Mike Neal and Lauren Chitty and their entire family in your prayers following the death of their daughter and sister, Cindy Grosz.

Please keep Pastor Anita Nuetzman and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, +Dennis Nuetzman.

Gene Newsome	Wayne Johnson	Easton Farrington
Eileen Miller	Troy Vincent	Janice Hartz
Karen Anderson	Johann Thiel	Jackie Byers
Caleb Roof	Mike Neal	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Kelsee Holzmer	Christina King	Donna See
<i>granddaughter of Joyce Mack</i>	Sherry Kluever	Norma Dannan
Jake Jacobson	Kim Elliott	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Evelyn Onstot	Pr. Marcia Kisner	Fred Samuelson
Marty Schuler	Marlene Waddell	Jaylee Bartleson
Katy Beno	<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-</i>	George Forsyth
<i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	<i>Goettsch</i>	Janeen Driscoll
Kathy Larsen	John Bass	Julie Sutherland
Eric Forsyth	<i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria</i>	Jan Cook
Ardith Forsyth	<i>Jacobson</i>	
Crystal Vines	Carol Vincent	
Katie Bass	Cassie Harrell	
<i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Jean Smith	

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

Celebrating our loan payoff—don't forget to update your Tithe.ly recurring giving!

As you may have heard, we joyfully announced the payoff of our “A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place” heating and cooling project loan! If you have been giving through Tithe.ly as an automatic recurring gift to “A Welcoming Space=A Welcoming Place”, please make sure to cancel this giving and prayerfully consider moving it to another area in need through Tithe.ly, such as Capital Improvement or one of our special building projects. If you have questions, please contact Emily Dalthorp. Thank you!

Birthday Card Shower for Norma Gandrup

Our dear friend Norma Gandrup is turning 97 on February 10, so let's show her some love with birthday cards! If you would like to send a card, please use the address below. Thank you!

Bethany Life
Norma Gandrup Room 5
212 Lafayette Avenue
Story City, Iowa 50248

Nevada Kiwanis Club Bedding Drive—Donations Needed!

The Nevada Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a bedding drive for the Ames Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace during the month of February. Their mission is “**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**” Since November of 2023, Sleep in Heavenly Peace has been building and delivering beds to children in Ames and Nevada who need a bed and a safe place to sleep. Kiwanis is collecting new plain colored twin sheet sets, blankets, mattress pads, and pillows. Donation boxes will be located at **Fareway, State Bank, First Interstate Bank, Availa Bank, City Hall, and Story County Medical**. Please help Kiwanis support the efforts of Sleep in Heavenly Peace to provide beds and bedding for children in our community so that “**No kid sleeps on the floor in our town.**” Thank you!

Book Study: “The Rapture Exposed” by Barbara Rossing

Beginning February 16, join us after worship for discussion as we read through “*The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*”. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Kathleen. If you would like a book provided the suggested donation is \$13. While it's not a requirement, you might want to read through Revelation prior to our first meeting with special focus on chapters 4-7, 21, and 22. Please contact Pastor Kathleen with any questions.

Listen God is Calling, Loving Our Global Neighbors

Join Bishop Amy Current and leaders from across the synod for a short presentation and discussion. Register once and attend any one or all of these events:



February 13: Loving our Neighbors through Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

February 20: Loving our Neighbors in partnership with the Pare and Mwanga Dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania as global companions.

Middle School Lock-In Friday, February 21

Youth from Memorial and area churches are invited to attend this fun event!

When: February 21, 2025, starting at 6:00 PM and ending at 7:00 AM the next morning

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny, IA

Who: All 6th - 9th graders.

How? Use this registration link to sign up!
<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9505678>

Cost: \$25

Online Giving with Tithe.ly—New Funds Available for Designated Gifts

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 set up one-time or recurring gifts to the General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Drive for the Drive Pavement Project, Sanctuary Screens Fund, Sanctuary Carpet Fund, and more!



Save the Date

Book Study Begins: *“The Rapture Exposed”* by Barbara Rossing

When: Sunday, February 16 following worship

Where: MLC Chapel

Middle-school Lock-in

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Our 2025 Goals

As discussed and approved at the January 2025 council meeting

1. We will gather with Memorial members with an emphasis of creating an environment of belonging, fellowship, and family.
2. We will build on the ongoing ecumenical work.

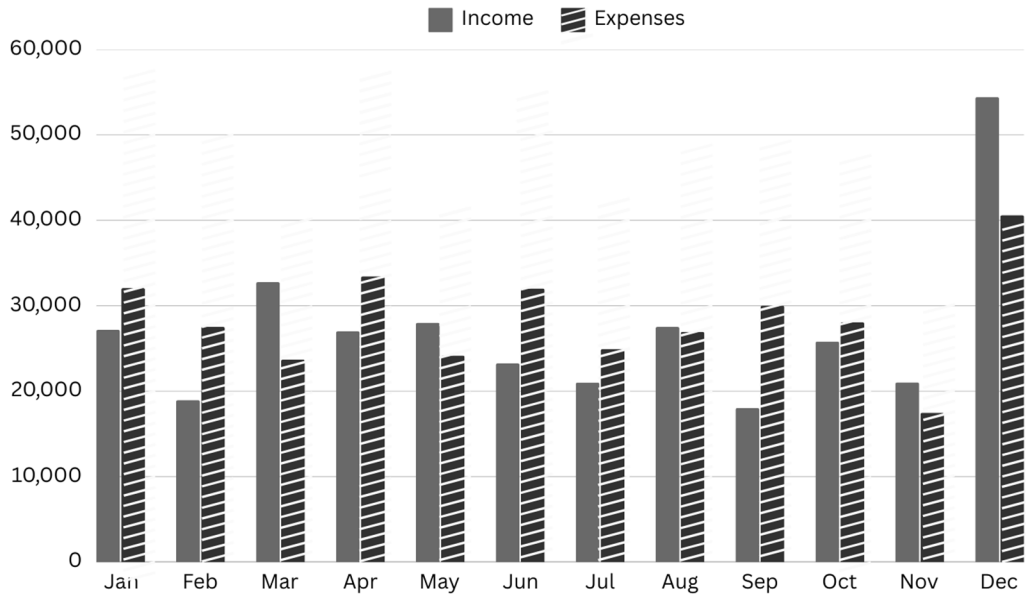
Our 2025 Council

Steve Lekwa, President	Carl Link	Larry Parker
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Erin Rewerts, Secretary	Denise Rehor	Mike Neal
Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer	Emilia Stage	Steve Jungst

2024 General Fund Cumulative Income vs Expenses

Income: \$324,971

Expenses: \$340,937



This Week at Memorial

Monday, February 10 - Sunday, February 16

<p style="text-align: center;">10 Monday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 PM Ecumenical Housing Initiative Meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11 Tuesday</p> <p>6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 Wednesday</p> <p>6:30 PM "Wednesday Night Live!" / Confirmation / Youth Group</p> <p>1:00 PM Lutheran World Relief Workday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13 Thursday</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Team Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14 Friday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15 Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16 Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online</p> <p>10:30 AM "Rapture Exposed" Book Study in Chapel</p>	

Have an idea for our monthly newsletter? Perhaps a focus on a ministry or group you're involved with at Memorial or in the community? We would love to hear from you! Please contact emily@mlcnevada.org or call the church office.

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