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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"* - J.S. Bach
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Song: *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* - ELW #710

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.

Kyrie - ELW Setting 8


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Britt Swanson, Lutheran Lakeside Camp Executive Director

Hymn of the Day: “When the Poor Ones” - ELW #725

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: *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* - arr. Susan Geschke
Memorial Handbells

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

REFRAIN:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

How I love to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! *REFRAIN*

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

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

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” - ELW #479

Lamb of God - ELW Setting 8



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: “Jesus the Light of the World” - ACS #914, stanzas 1-2



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

Dismissal

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

Postlude: “Prelude in G Major” - J.S. Bach
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.

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

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

Iowa Wolves Game Reminder + Tickets Still Available

Our outing to the Iowa Wolves game at Wells Fargo Arena Sunday, February 23 at 3 PM is quickly approaching! If you purchased tickets, Emily will keep them together as a group. We'll meet at the north entrance (north of 3rd and Crocker) at 2:30 PM to enter / scan tickets as a group. **There may be a few tickets still available to purchase**—please contact Emily ASAP if you're interested.

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!

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 23, 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 using the QR code.



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!***

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

Listen God is Calling, Loving Our Global Neighbors - 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

When: Friday, February 21

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny

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

When: Sunday, February 23 following worship

Where: MLC Chapel

MLC Iowa Wolves Outing

When: Sunday, February 23, 3 PM - If you purchased tickets, we'll meet at 2:30 PM at the north entrance of Wells Fargo Arena

Ash Wednesday Service

When: Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, March 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper (each Wednesday during Lent leading up to Holy Week)

When: Wednesday, March 12, supper at 6 PM followed by worship at 7 PM

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

Wayne Kinyon, Vice President

Erin Rewerts, Secretary

Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer

Carl Link

Connie Kinyon

Denise Rehor

Emilia Stage

Larry Parker

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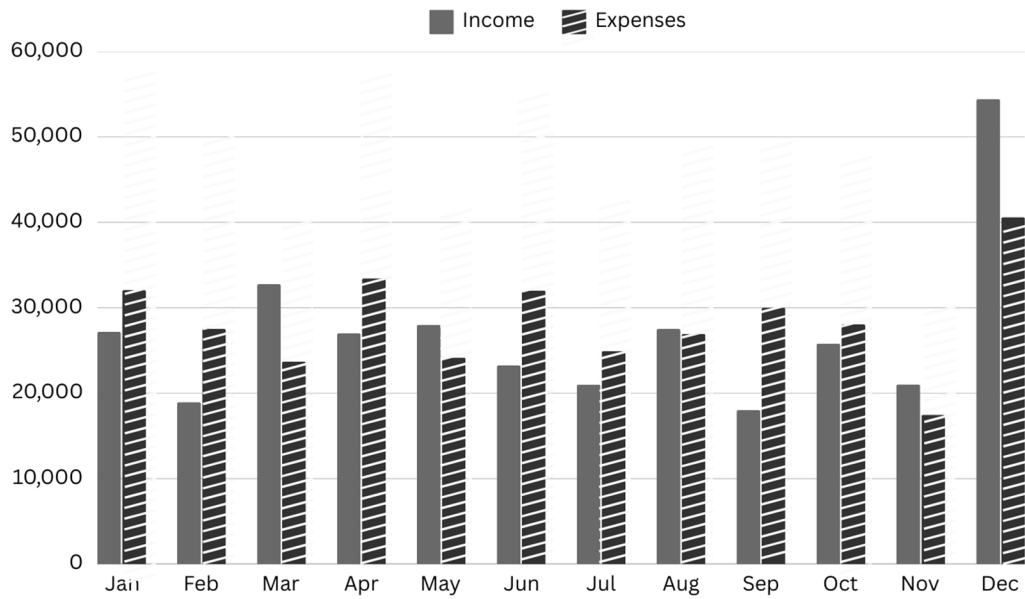
Mike Neal

Steve Jungst

2024 General Fund Cumulative Income vs Expenses

Income: \$324,971

Expenses: \$340,937



This Week at Memorial

Monday, February 17 - Sunday, February 23

17 Monday Church Office Closed 7:00 PM Ecumenical Housing Initiative Meeting in Fellowship Hall	18 Tuesday 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Wednesday 6:30 PM "Wednesday Night Live!" / Confirmation / Youth Group	20 Thursday 8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel 7:00 PM Council Meeting
21 Friday 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.		22 Saturday	
		23 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online 2:30 PM Iowa Wolves Game ticket-holders meet @ Wells Fargo Arena north entrance (tip-off @ 3 PM)	

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