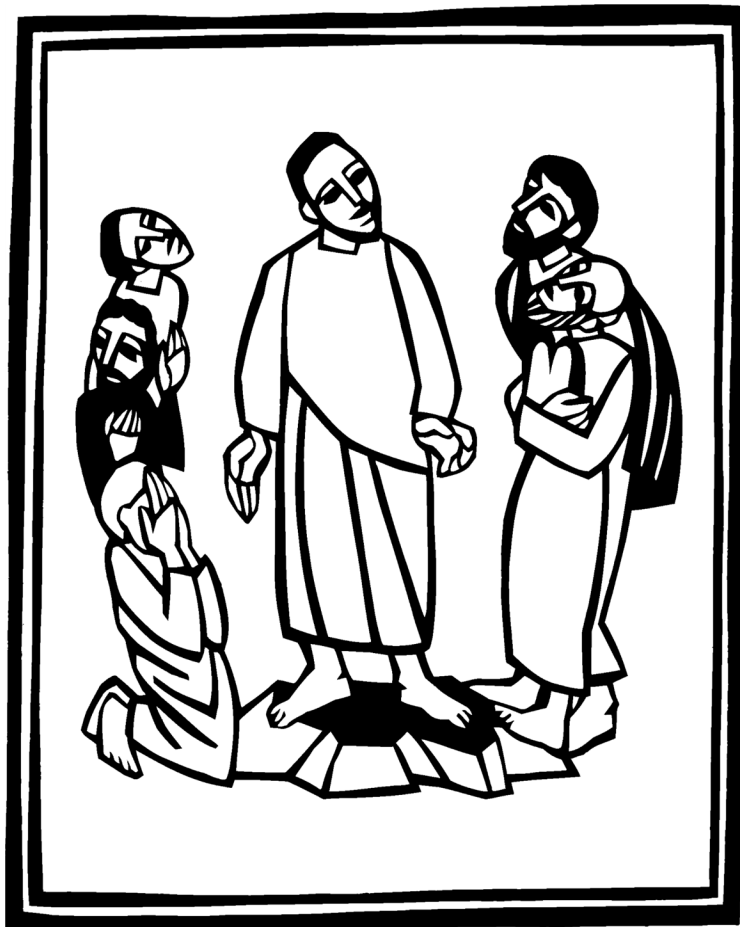


Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"* - arr. Behnke
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Song: *"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"* - ELW #315

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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we

refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-43a

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with

him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”

⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Dazzling Presence on the Mountain” - ACS #917



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



“This is my Son, the be - lov - ed,” thun - d’rous voice from
 “Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,” was one’s pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God’s own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church’s praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956
 Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960
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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: *"Fantasy on Kingsfold: 'My Soul Proclaims His Greatness' -*

Dean Wagner

Memorial Handbells

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.

Preface

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
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 notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into 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

"Beautiful Savior" - ELW #838

Lamb of God - ELW Setting 8

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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: *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”* - ELW #318

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Praise My Soul”* - arr. Robert Hobby
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 Eric and Jenny Adelmund and family in your prayers following the death of Eric's father, Jesse Adelmund

Please keep Kathie and Lonny Flack and family in your prayers following the death of Kathie's father, Tom Rouse

Please keep John Pelzer and family in your prayers following the death of his father

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

Easter Lily Dedications Due April 16

Dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one and help decorate the church for Easter! Please fill out a form in the Narthex or contact the church office at 515-382-6509 or emily@mlcnevada.org. A suggested donation is \$8 per lily (payments may be brought to the church office or dropped in the secure box outside Emily's office). Thank you!

New Member Orientation - Thursday, April 24 at 6 pm

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a member at Memorial Lutheran? Are you considering joining the people of God at Memorial by taking the step of becoming a member? If so, we invite you to attend an orientation on the evening of Thursday, April 24. Join us for a meal and conversation about how Memorial seeks to live into God's mission here in Nevada. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, April 27. Please RSVP by e-mail Pastor Kathleen at PastorKathleen@mlcnevada.org.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Update

Greetings on behalf of the Thrivent Choice Committee. Just a friendly reminder about designating your Thrivent dollars to Memorial as March 31 is the deadline. This past year with your generous designations we were able to assist Memorial youth in attending Lutheran Lakeside Camp (\$2,150), contribute to student personal hygiene items through Cubbies Cupboard (\$500), and help with Memorial's "A Welcoming Space= A Welcoming Place" heating and cooling project (\$2,500). Thank you for your support!

Opportunity of a Lifetime

The Memorial Choir has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall, New York City!! This invitation is not just for the MC singers, but for any Memorial member (and friends of) that would love to participate in this once-in-a-life-time opportunity! The concert, under the direction of composer/song-writer Heather Sorenson, will take place November 17, 2025. 250+ choristers with a full professional

orchestra, will premier Heather's newest cantata, Solas. Rehearsals will take place two days prior to the event, with a gala reception planned for all participants following the performance. DCINY (Distinguished Concerts International New York) sponsors this event and provides a quality performance experience for all Performing Arts Partners. Interested? Want more information? Please contact Lois Theesfield, Minister of Music, Memorial Lutheran Church.

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!

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

MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!

When: Monday, March 3, 4 PM

Ash Wednesday Worship

When: Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, March 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

Remembrance Team Meeting

When: Sunday, March 9, 10:30 AM

Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper

Supper provided by Fellowship & Outreach Team

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

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

When: Wednesday, March 12, 1 PM

Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper

Supper provided by Memorial musicians

When: Wednesday, March 19, supper at 6 PM followed by worship at 7 PM

Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper

Supper provided by Council members

When: Wednesday, March 26, supper at 6 PM followed by worship at 7 PM

Chili & Soup Cook-off

Contact the church office to bring chili or soup

Donations benefit ELCA World Hunger

When: Wednesday, April 2, 6 PM

Church Potluck

Bring your favorite dish to share!

When: Wednesday, April 9, 6 PM

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday Worship

When: Sunday, April 13, 9 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship

Meditative harp music will be provided 30 minutes before worship begins

When: Thursday, April 17, 7 PM

Good Friday Worship

When: Friday, April 18, 7 PM

Easter Dawn Worship

When: Sunday, April 20, 7 AM

Easter Brunch

Fundraiser for Memorial Youth

When: Sunday, April 20, 7:45 - 8:45 AM

Easter - He is Risen!

Egg hunt to follow 9 AM service

When: Sunday, April 20, 9 AM

Our 2025 Goals

As discussed and approved at the January 2025 council meeting

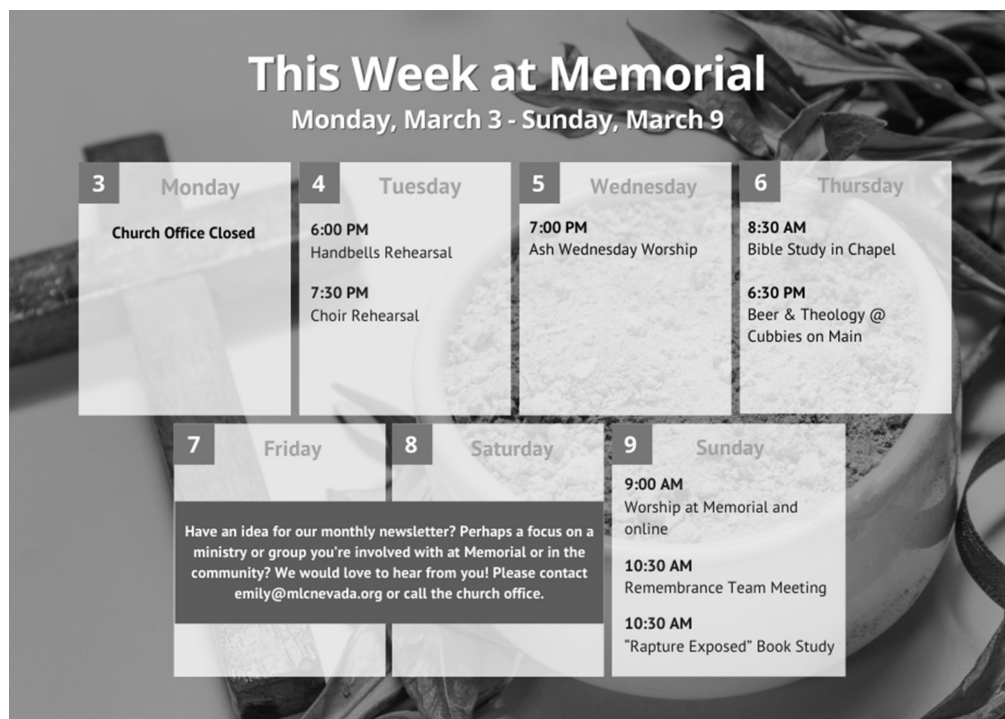
1. We will gather with Memorial members with an emphasis of creating an environment of belonging, fellowship, and family.
2. We will build on the ongoing ecumenical work.

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
Lynn Rhodes
Mike Neal
Steve Jungst



This Week at Memorial

Monday, March 3 - Sunday, March 9

3 Monday Church Office Closed	4 Tuesday 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Wednesday 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	6 Thursday 8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 PM Beer & Theology @ Cubbies on Main
7 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.		8 Saturday	
		9 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online 10:30 AM Remembrance Team Meeting 10:30 AM "Rapture Exposed" Book Study	

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