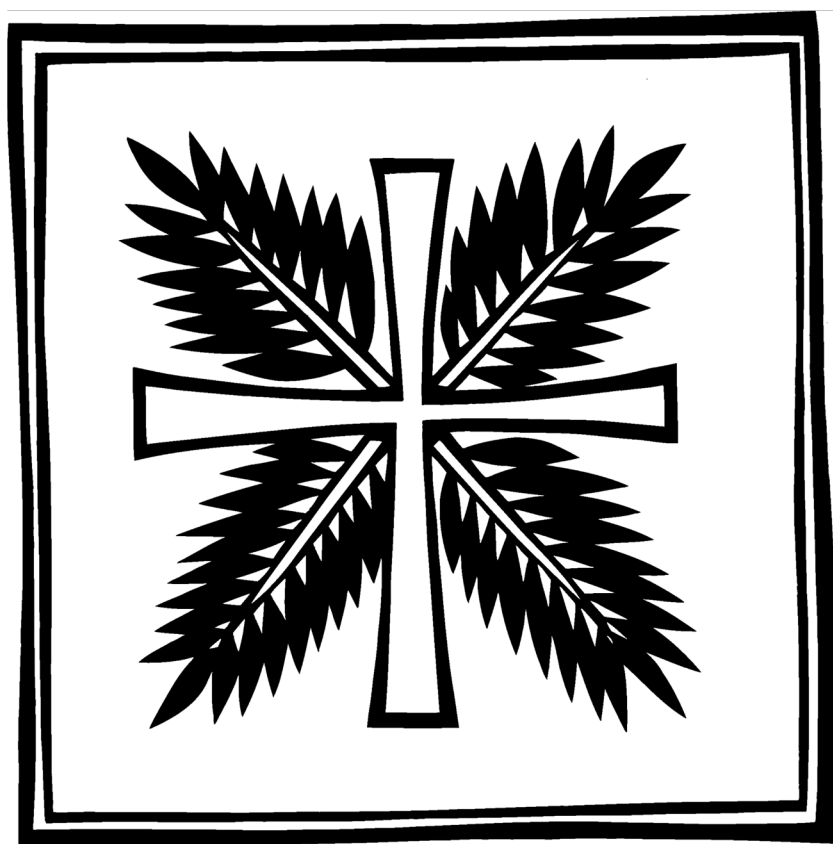


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *“Triumphal Entry”* - Michael Bedford  
*Memorial Handbells*

## **Welcome**

## **Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

*Entrance into the final days*

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**Gathering Hymn: “All Glory Laud and Honor” - ELW #344**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

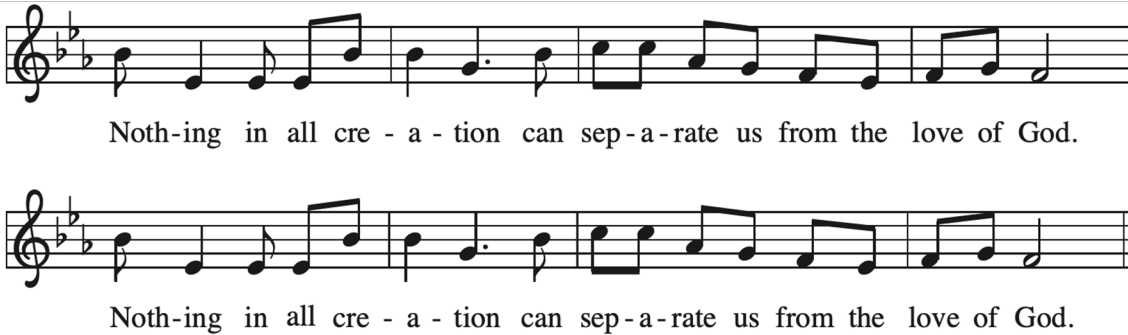
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Children at Heart Sermon**

## Gospel Acclamation - ACS Setting 12



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## Gospel Reading: Luke 19:41-48

The Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>41</sup> As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

<sup>45</sup> Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, <sup>46</sup> and he said, "It is written,

'My house shall be a house of prayer,'  
but you have made it a den of robbers."

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**



## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** *“O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us”* - ELW #431

## **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:** *“Kyrie”* - Cathy Moglebust  
*Memorial Handbells*

## **Offering Prayer**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**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,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into 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 - *"Beneath the Tree of Life"* - Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

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

Bless-ed is he, 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, 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

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## Hymns during Communion

*"Lamb of God"*

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living" - ELW #339*

### Lamb of God

The musical score is for the hymn "Lamb of God" in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line, including a repeat sign with first and second endings.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have

mer-cy on us. us. Grant us your peace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Start of Holy Week: Luke 22:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup> he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup> They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

## **Blessing**

As we begin Holy Week... May almighty God lead us to and gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ. The Lord bless you and keep you this day and always, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: “Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now” - ACS #930

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” - Gerhardt / Dachstein

*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Please keep the family of Teresa Krebs and Stacie Link in your prayers following the death of their sister-in-law, Jean Monahan*

*Please keep Eric and Jenny Adelmund and family in your prayers following the death of Eric's father, Jesse Adelmund*

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

**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](mailto: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!

### **Walk to the Cross Friday, April 18**

Come with us as we walk to symbolize Jesus' walk and carry our cross on Good Friday, April 18. We will start at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 12:00 noon and walk to Central Presbyterian Church.

We will walk along Lincoln Way west to Sixth St., turn south on Sixth St. to J Ave., turn right on J Ave., and end at Central Presbyterian Church. There will be a short service at Central Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join us!

In case of inclement weather, the walk will be cancelled, and the service will begin at 12:00 at Central Presbyterian Church.

### **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](mailto:PastorKathleen@mlcnevada.org).



## Memorial Musicians Spring Concert "Music Is..."

**Sunday. May 4, at 4 pm**

Mark your calendars for this annual event featuring Memorial's Handbell and Vocal choirs. Joined by special instrumentalists, Kidsbells and Youth Handbells, it will be a program of great variety. Your attendance encourages the music ministry of our church and gives thanks and appreciation for their dedication and faithfulness throughout the year. The free-will offering this year will support the group of Memorial singers headed for Carnegie Hall in November.

## 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](http://bit.ly/memorialconnect) or by using the QR code



## **Save the Date**

### **Holy Communion Instruction**

When: Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 PM

### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

When: Thursday, April 17, 7 PM

### **Walk to the Cross**

*Begins at St. Patrick Catholic Church*

When: Friday, April 18, 12 PM

### **Good Friday Worship**

*Meditative harp music will be provided 30 minutes before worship begins*

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

### **New Member Orientation**

When: Thursday, April 24, 6 PM

### **Memorial Musicians Spring Concert "Music Is..."**

When: Sunday, May 4, 4 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  
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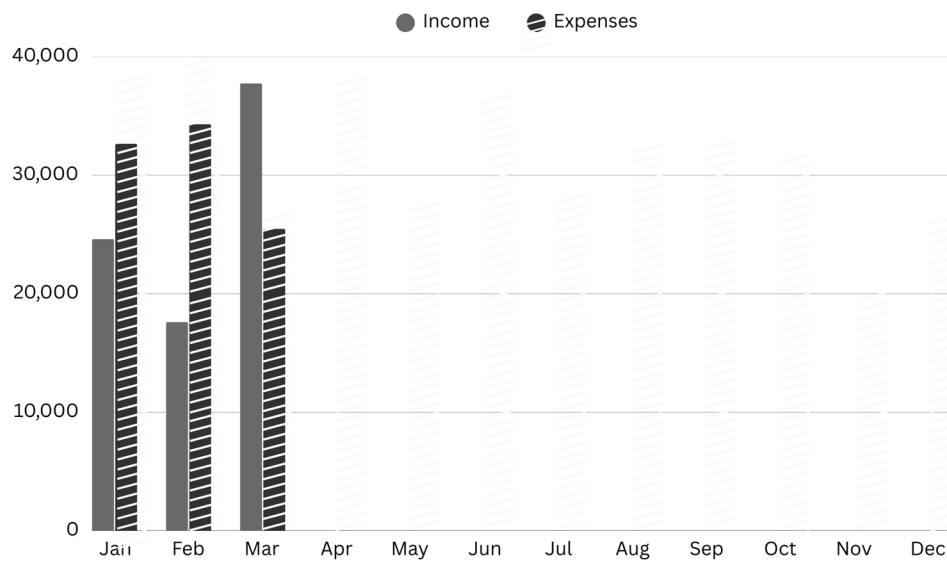
## General Fund 2025

### Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of March 31, 2025

Income: \$79,982

Expenses: (\$92,412)

Current Deficit: (\$12,430)



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## This Week at Memorial

Monday, April 14 - Sunday, April 20

<b>14 Monday</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>15 Tuesday</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbells Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>16 Wednesday</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Communion Instruction	<b>17 Thursday</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study in Lounge  <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Worship
<b>18 Friday</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Walk to the Cross beginning at St. Patrick Catholic Church  <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday Worship	<b>19 Saturday</b>  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.		
<b>20 Sunday</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> Easter Dawn Worship  <b>7:45 - 8:45 AM</b> Easter Brunch <i>Fundraiser for Memorial Youth</i>  <b>9:00 AM</b> "Easter - He is Risen!" Worship at Memorial and online <i>Egg hunt will follow worship</i>			

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