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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”* - Walther/Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *“My Song is Love Unknown”* - ELW #343

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never tires of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116 :1-2, 12-19

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**2 for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

12 How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

**13 I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

14 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**15 Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

16 O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid you have freed me from my bonds.

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

**19 in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation - ACS Setting 12



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Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers

greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” - ELW #659

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: *“How Beautiful”* - Twila Paris, arr. Benjamin Harlan
Memorial Choir

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.

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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - ELW #484

"Abide with Me" - ELW #629

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Congregational Hymn: “Stay With Me” - ELW #348

All sing together three times

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 read by Dario Zaffarano

All depart in silence as they feel ready. Join us as worship continues tomorrow evening at 7pm for our Good Friday worship service.

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 Carsrud family in your prayers following the death of +Donn Carsrud, brother of Kay Rierson, brother-in-law of De Carsrud, and uncle of Cathy Carsrud

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

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 6pm

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.

Eileen Miller Brunch Fundraiser & Fellowship Sunday, April 27, 11am - 1pm @ Memorial

You're invited to a community brunch to raise funds to help Eileen Miller in her battle against stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Let's show her the love she graciously gives to others.

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 or by using the QR code



Save the Date

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

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Where: MLC Fellowship Hall

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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

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

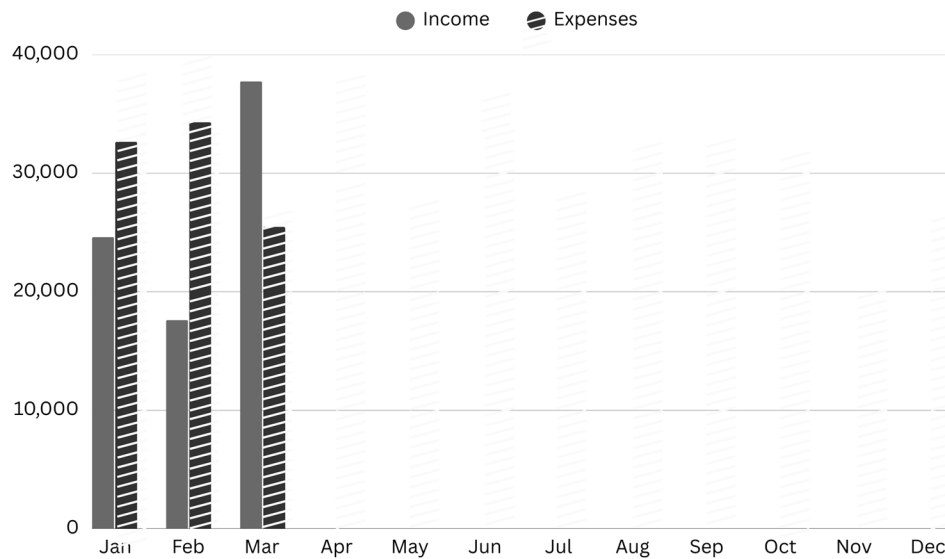
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of March 31, 2025

Income: \$79,982

Expenses: (\$92,412)

Current Deficit: (\$12,430)



This Week at Memorial

Monday, April 14 - Sunday, April 20

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

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