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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"An Easter Hallelujah"* - music by Leonard Cohen, words by Kelly Mooney

Mike Coverdale, guitar

Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

The stone has been rolled away

The one you are looking for has overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Gathering Hymn: *"Morning Has Broken"* ELW #556

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Congregation reads alternating verses

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

**2 Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

**15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the
righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

**17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

**21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!" ELW #377

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL**Offering**

Music Voluntary: *“Now the Green Blade Rises”* - ELW #379

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

The 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

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

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Communion Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW #392

Prayer After Communion

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: “*All Creatures of Our God and King*” (tune of ELW #835)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. And all ye saints of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

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

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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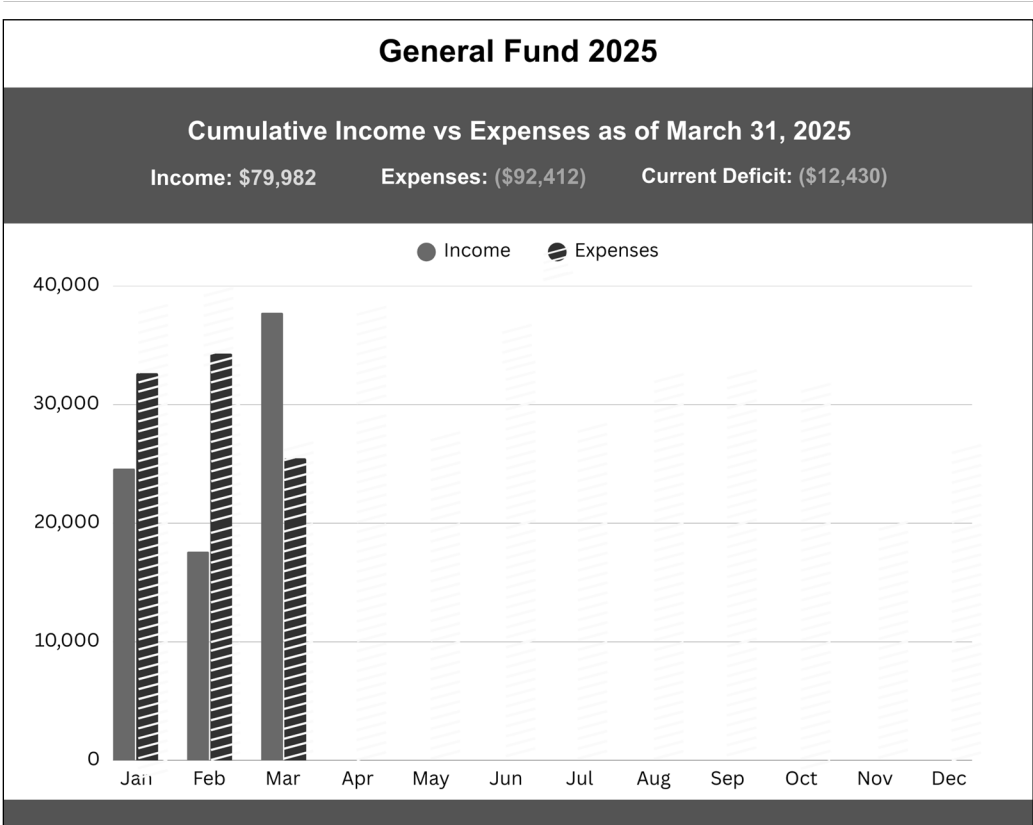
Our 2025 Goals

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
Wayne Kinyon, Vice President	Connie Kinyon	Lynn Rhodes
Erin Rewerts, Secretary	Denise Rehor	Mike Neal
Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer	Emilia Stage	Steve Jungst




This Week at Memorial

Monday, April 21 - Sunday, April 27

<div><div>21</div><div>Monday</div><div>Church Office Closed</div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div>Tuesday</div><div>6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal</div><div>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</div></div>	<div><div>23</div><div>Wednesday</div><div>6:30 PM "Wednesday Night Live!" / Confirmation / Youth Group</div></div>	<div><div>24</div><div>Thursday</div><div>8:30 AM Bible Study in Lounge</div><div>6:30 PM New Member Orientation</div></div>
<div><div>25</div><div>Friday</div><div>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.</div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div>Saturday</div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div>Sunday</div><div>9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online</div><div>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eileen Miller Brunch Fundraiser & Fellowship</div></div>	

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