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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“The Day of Resurrection”* - arr. Albert Travis
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *“The Day of Resurrection”* ELW #361

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.

"Now the Feast" - Marty Haugen

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

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.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

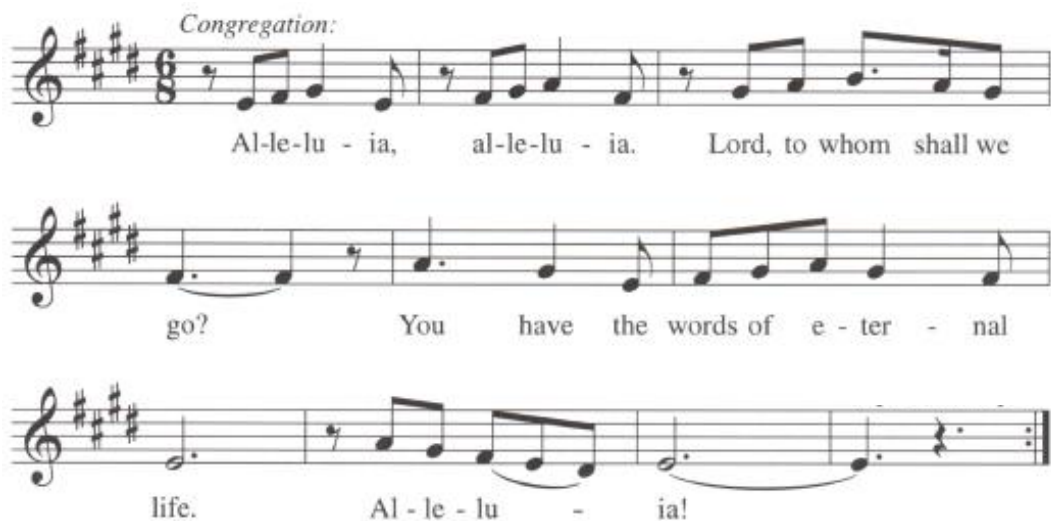
⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - "Now The Feast" - Marty Haugen



Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Video provided by Bishop Amy Current and the Southeastern Iowa Synod

Hymn of the Day: “Touch that Soothes and Heals” ELW #939

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

Peace

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

The Meal

This is Christ's table and Christ's meal. All are welcome here. Kids are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. If you are unable to come forward please let an usher or the pastor know so that we can bring you Communion at your seat.

Offering

Music Voluntary: "Hosanna" - arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Handbell Ensemble: Annette Dalthorp, Jeanie Ferneau, Nathalie Cruden, Shanna Lynch, Emily Dalthorp, Cathy Carsrud

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 musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The first staff begins with a 'Presider:' label above the first measure and a 'Congregation:' label above the fifth measure. The lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' are written below the notes. The second staff also has 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:' labels, with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:' labels, with lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is'. The fourth staff continues the melody with lyrics 'right to give God thanks and praise.' and ends with a double bar line.

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is our duty and delight ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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 Hymns: *“Lamb of God” - Now the Feast* (see next page)
“We Walk by Faith” - ELW #635

Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace. grant us peace.

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.

Announcements

Blessing

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *“The Peace of the Lord”* - ELW #646

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *“The Day of Resurrection” (Lancashire) / Trumpet Tune*

- arr. Paul Manz

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 the Carsrud family in your prayers following the death of +Donn Carsrud, brother of Kay Rierson, brother-in-law of De Carsrud, uncle of Cathy Carsrud, cousin of Larry & Charlene Carsrud, and cousin of Linda Griffith. Burial will take place later in June in Roland.

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

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

TODAY: 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.

New Member Orientation—Coming Soon!

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will be finding a new date for the New Member Orientation. 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 join us for a meal and conversation about how Memorial seeks to live into God's mission here in Nevada. Please RSVP by e-mail Pastor Kathleen at 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 or by using the QR code



Save the Date

TODAY: Eileen Miller Brunch Fundraiser & Fellowship

When: Sunday, April 27, 11 AM - 1PM

Where: MLC Fellowship Hall

“Wednesday Night Live!”

When: Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 PM

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, May 1, 6:30 PM

Memorial Musicians Spring Concert “Music Is...”

When: Sunday, May 4, 4 PM

“Wednesday Night Live!”

When: Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 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

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Connie Kinyon

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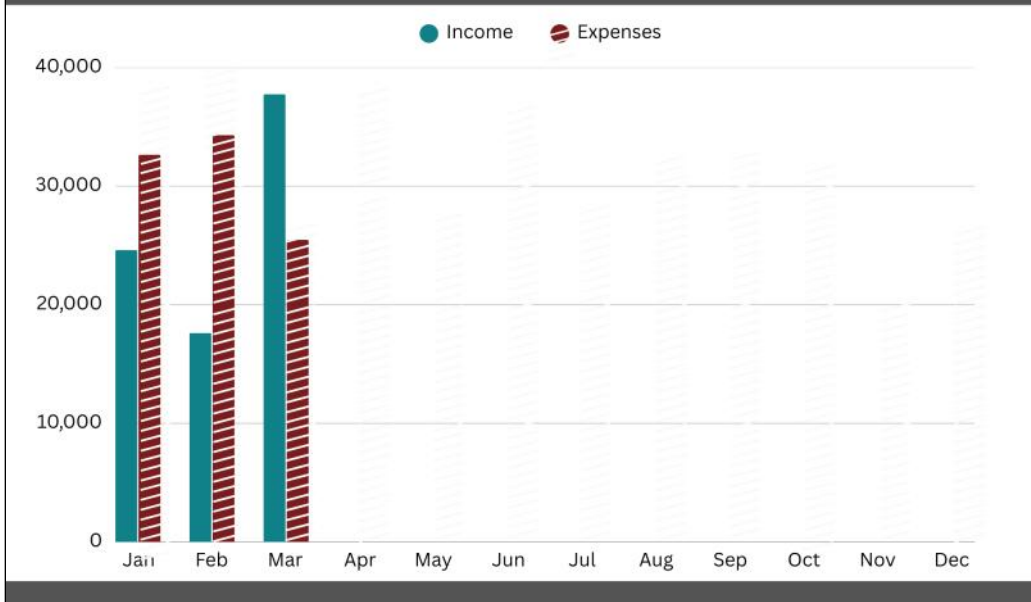
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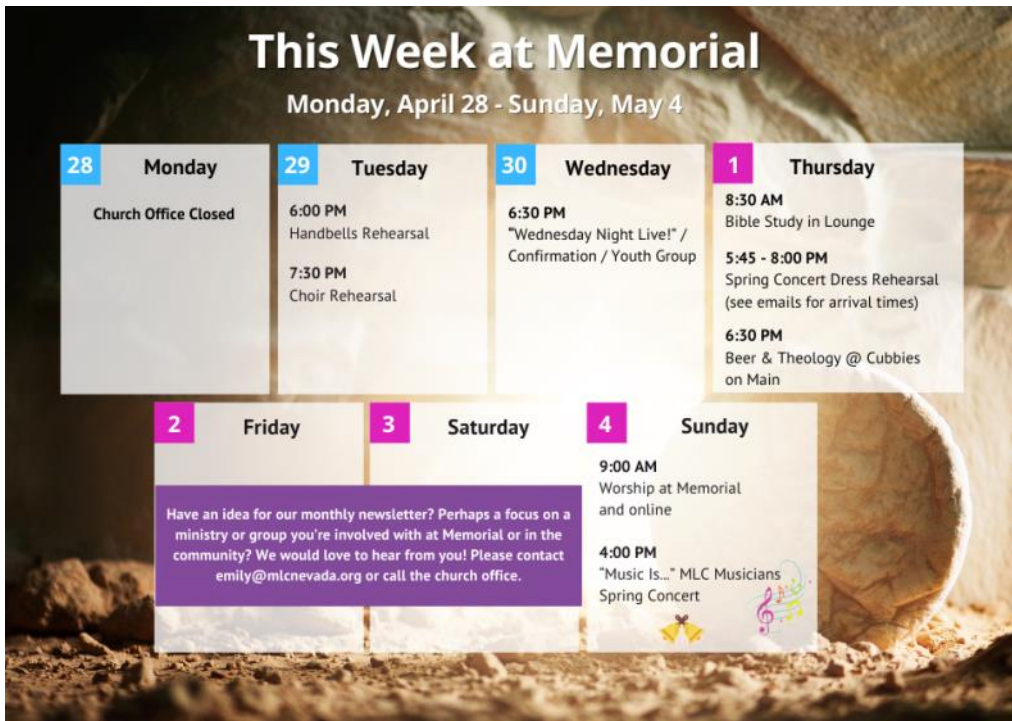
Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of March 31, 2025

Income: **\$79,982**

Expenses: **(\$92,412)**

Current Deficit: **(\$12,430)**





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