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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** Settings from Partita on *“This Joyful Eastertide”* - Paul Bouman  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“This Joyful Eastertide”* ELW #391

**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

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6 [7-20]

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30

*You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)*

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne  
and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and  
thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and  
in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation - “Now The Feast” - Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

## Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

The Gospel according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able



to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: *"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"* ELW #729**

## **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:** *"This Joyful Eastertide"* - arr. John Leavitt

## 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 score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a label above indicating the role: *Presider:* and *Congregation:*. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* 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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## Communion Hymns: “Lamb of God” - Now the Feast “We Who Once Were Dead” - ELW #495

### 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  
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: *“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”* - ACS #933



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of  
 stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
 fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor  
 wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
 last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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## 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:** *“In dir ist freude”* - setting by Michael Burkhardt

*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 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*

Loren Bryant <i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	Evelyn Onstot Marty Schuler	<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
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 &amp; Nan Jungst</i>	Johann Thiel	Norma Dannan <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
	Pr. Marcia Kisner	Julie Sutherland
	Marlene Waddell	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

### **TODAY: Memorial Musicians Spring Concert "Music Is..." Sunday. May 4, at 4 pm**

Join us this afternoon at 4 pm for our 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.

### **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School - *"Magnified: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things"***

**What:** *"Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!"* - Lifeway VBS

**When:** August 3 - 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Where:** St. Patrick's Church

**Who:** Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade

**Price:** \$10 per family

**Questions?:** Contact Jenny Angus at [dbq139re@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq139re@dbqarch.org)

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

## 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

#### **TODAY: Memorial Musicians Spring Concert “Music Is...”**

When: Sunday, May 4, 4 PM

#### **“Wednesday Night Live!” (every Wednesday @ 6:30)**

When: Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 PM

#### **Finance Team Meeting**

When: Thursday, May 8, 5:00 PM

#### **Executive Committee Meeting**

When: Sunday, May 11, 7:00 PM

#### **Lutheran World Relief Work Day**

When: Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 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

Carl Link

Connie Kinyon

Denise Rehor

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Mike Neal

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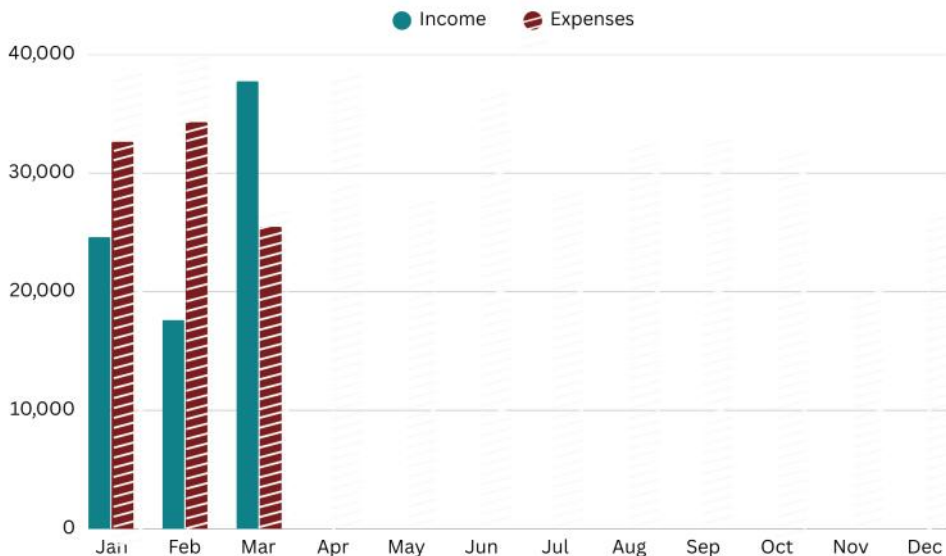
## General Fund 2025

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

Income: **\$79,982**

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

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





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