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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* - Chris Rice

Lois Theesfield, piano

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *“Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”* ELW #385

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

"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:

I. 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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Verse 1: All

Verse 4: High voices

Verse 2: All

Verse 5: All

Verse 3: Low voices



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake,
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meter, Edinburgh, 1650

Tune: William Gardiner, 1270-1853; setting: The Lutheran Hymnbook, 1941

Text and music: public domain

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Ps. 23, 1st 1811; Rev. 2/17

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW #502

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: *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* - Kevin Hildebrand
Lois Theesfield, organ

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 four-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff begins with a key signature change from one sharp to two sharps (F# and C#). The parts are labeled 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' The second staff continues the parts with the lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff continues with the lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is' and the fourth staff concludes with 'right to give God thanks and praise.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests.

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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God" - Now the Feast*

"Shepherd Me, O God" - ELW #780

Verses sung by Steve Lekwa; All sing refrain

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: *“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”* - ELW #544

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: *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”* - Michael Burkhardt
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

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 & 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

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

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.

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



Save the Date

TODAY: Executive Committee Meeting

When: Sunday, May 11, following worship

Finance Team Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 PM

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

When: Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 PM

“Wednesday Night Live!” (last WNL of the season)

When: Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 PM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 15, 8:30 AM in Lounge

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, May 15, 7:00 PM

Senior Recognition Sunday

When: Sunday, May 18, 9:00 AM

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

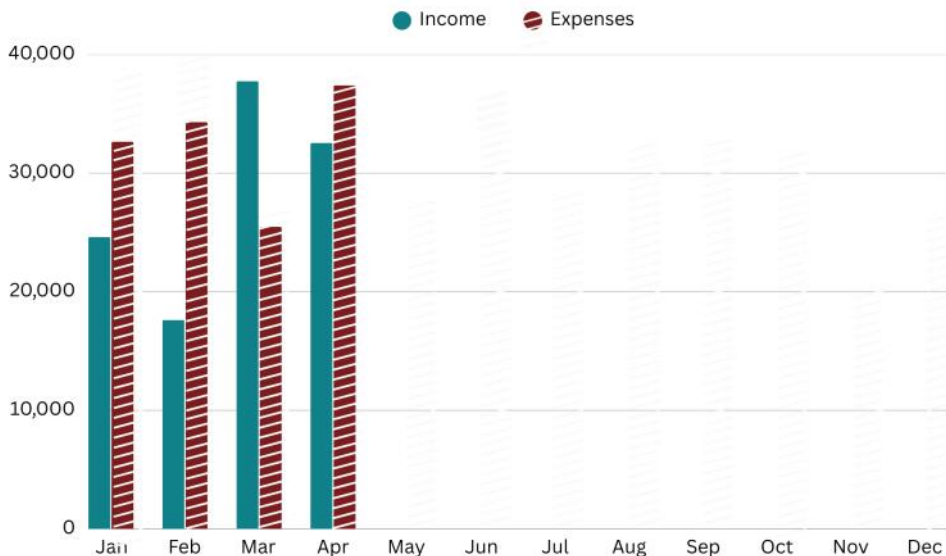
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2025

Income: **\$112,228**

Expenses: **(129,823)**

Current Deficit: **(\$17,595)**





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