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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”* - Anne Krentz Organ
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *“I Come with Joy”* ELW #482

Easter Prayer

We praise you, living God,
**with songs and prayers and listening hearts
and lives trying to obey your will.**

You have created and are creating,
bringing life and hope and love.

You come in Jesus, your Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new.

In a culture where the power death gets all the headlines
**your Holy Spirit summons us to be people
shaped by your power to work resurrection.**

**We are not sure we believe as fully as we think we should.
We are not sure we trust as deeply as we think you require.
But we bring who we are and what we have become
into your presence,
longing to know your grace and your love.**

**Forgive what has gone wrong.
Repair in us what is broken.
Reveal in us what is good and turn us toward it.**

So may we follow wherever your Spirit may lead.
So may we love with the love of Jesus flowing through us.
So may we, body, mind and spirit,
be children of resurrection,
children of hope,
children of grace.

In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

-Christine Jerrett, re:Worship, May 2025

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☐ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 -
er - more!

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



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*

The musical notation for Verse 3 is written on three staves. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final measure containing a whole note. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

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The musical notation for the Refrain is written on five staves. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 13:31-35

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By 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: “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”” ELW #358

Blessing of Graduating Seniors

Tyson Bremer

DJ Dunham

Vanessa Reid

Haylee Sexton

Mya Spykerman

Wyatt Toot

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: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" - Charles Callahan
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 Great Thanksgiving is a four-part musical setting. The first part is a single line for the Presider, followed by a single line for the Congregation. The second part is a single line for the Presider, followed by a single line for the Congregation. The third part is a single line for the Presider, followed by a single line for the Congregation. The fourth part is a single line for the Presider, followed by a single line for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 God thanks and praise.

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 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” - ELW #359

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: *“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love”* - ELW #708

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: *“Guide Us Ever Great Redeemer”* - 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

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

Good Samaritan Fundraiser

June 18, 5 - 7 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Join us for a meal to raise money for the Good Samaritan Fund in Nevada which helps to provide assistance to our neighbors throughout the year. Can you volunteer to prep or serve food? Can you volunteer to provide some of the meal itself? Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway if you would like to contribute in anyway.

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 QR code.

Save the Date

TODAY: Senior Recognition Sunday

When: Sunday, May 18, 9:00 AM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 22, 8:30 AM in Lounge

Faith Formation Meeting

When: Thursday, May 22, 5:30 PM via Zoom

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

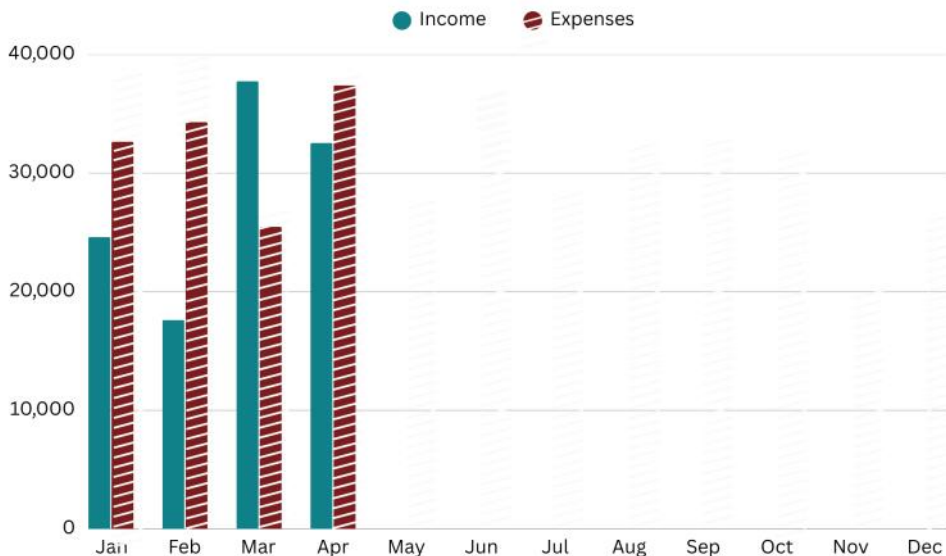
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2025

Income: **\$112,228**

Expenses: **(129,823)**

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





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