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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"All Glory Be to God on High"* - arr. Burkhardt/Zachau
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *"All Glory Be to God on High"* ELW #410

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 67 - Psalms for All Seasons

Refrain

Let the peo-ples praise you, O God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

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Chords: G, D, G, D, Asus, A, All D, Bm, F#m, Bm, A, A/C#, D, G6, A, D

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. *Refrain*
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide
all the nations on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. *Refrain*
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “The Peace of the Lord” ELW #646

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: *"All Glory Be to God on High"* - arr. Charles Ore
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

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*
"When Peace Like a River" - ELW #785

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: *“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”* - ELW #763

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: *“All Glory Be to God on High”* - arr. 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

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

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

Invitation to Support Iglesia Camino de Emaus (Road to Emaus Church)

During the Southeastern Iowa Synod's recent Synod Assembly, Memorial joined our Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the ELCA, and many other churches and

organizations in offering our monetary and prayerful support to Iglesia Camino de Emaus (Road to Emaus Church). Iglesia Camino de Emaus is a new Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community in Davenport led by Pr. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera, former bishop of the Lutheran church in Guatemala.



As Iglesia Camino de Emaus continues to form and grow, continued support from churches, organizations, and individuals would be of great help. Please prayerfully consider offering your support and use the QR code if you can help. Thank you!

Memorial's Tech Crew Needs You!

Memorial's Tech Crew runs our livestream service that appears on YouTube and Facebook each Sunday morning and for some special services. We're a small group (with the occasional special visitors :D) that would love to train interested individuals to assist with running the video and audio on select Sundays throughout the year. (No experience necessary - we'll teach you!) If you're interested, please contact Emily Dalthorp or Bill, Carol, or Danny Golden.

Volunteer Opportunity: Ushers/Greeters for Sunday Mornings

We're looking for ushers/greeters to be welcoming faces to those worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please see the sign-up sheet on the main door into the Sanctuary, or contact the church office. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity: Drivers Wanted

Would you be willing to offer a lift to members of Memorial that need transportation assistance to and from worship? If so, please contact the office so that we can provide you further information. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

Interfaith Youth Leadership Camp through Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)

Attention High School students! Each year DMARC partners with Drake University to host the Interfaith Youth Leadership Camp. This will be our 9th year. Students stay at Drake for 5 days, explore the religious diversity of the Des Moines metro, learn skills to navigate diversity, and create a short digital project about themselves. The camp is free and students are paid a \$250 honorarium upon completion. It's also a lot of fun! High School students and 2025 grads are invited to apply by June 6th. Applicants do not need to be religious, just interested in getting to know their neighbors!


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

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.



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

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Mike Neal

Steve Jungst

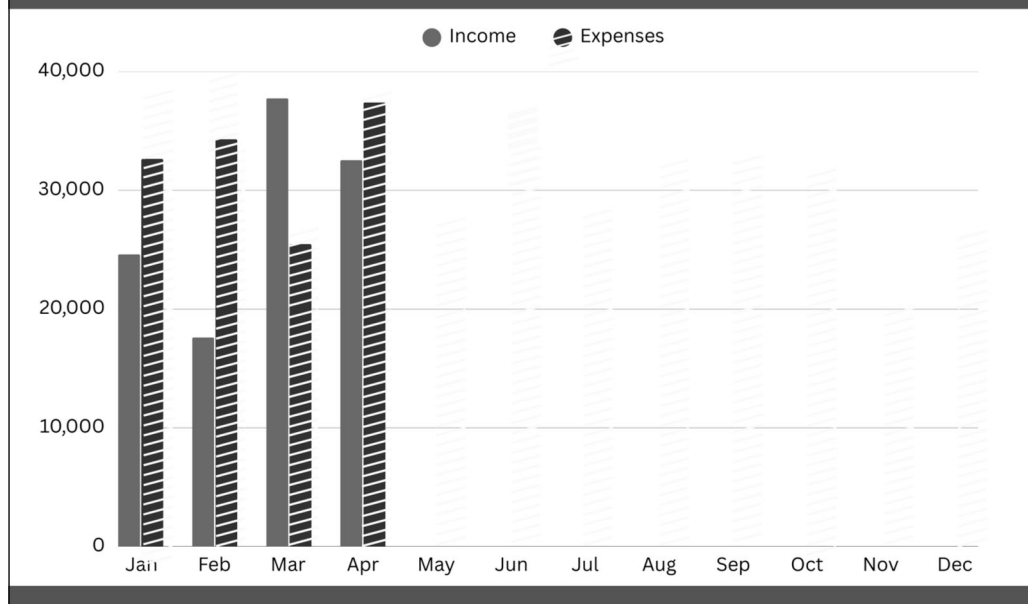
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2025

Income: \$112,228

Expenses: (129,823)

Current Deficit: (\$17,595)





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