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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** Flourish on “*Abbot’s Leigh*” - Michael Burkhardt  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:** “*God is Here*” ELW #526

## 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**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

<sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 97 - Psalms for All Seasons

## God Reigns! Earth Rejoices! 97A

1 God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!  
 2 Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place,  
 3 E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;  
 4 Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;

Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.  
 when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.  
 yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.  
 love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.

Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.  
 Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;  
 Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;  
 Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!

God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!  
 Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!  
 for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.  
 Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

## Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup>“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 17:20-26**

The Gospel according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ELW #553**

## **Reception of New Members**

*John Anderson*

*Sylvia Perkins*

*Nicole and William Scobba*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The church is a community of people with varieties of gifts, united as one in the Spirit of Christ.

We are a people who care for one another, forgive one another, help one another and love one another, even as we have been loved by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The church is Christ's body, brought together in one faith, one Baptism, and one Spirit.

We are the people of Christ who believe that Jesus is God's revelation and our salvation. We are all one body in Christ.

We rejoice that you have expressed a desire to be a part of this community of faith and to join us in experiencing, living and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. I ask you, will you join us in worshipping God, hearing God's Word and sharing in the Lord's Supper? Will you join us in proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people and striving for justice and peace in our community and in our world?

If so, please respond with, I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**(New members) I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

And I ask you, people of the congregation, will you welcome these new members into our community, offering your support and encouragement and partnering with them in the great commission to proclaim God's Word, making disciples of all nations?

If so, please respond with, We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**(All) We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The church is a people who share a common confession of faith. And so with the church throughout the world we now proclaim our faith together in the words of the 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.**

Let us pray,  
Gracious God, with eyes wide open, we celebrate new life, grace and mercy as we gather in faith to thank you for shaping us in this holy community. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and keep us ever mindful of the family we are in you, the Lord and Author of our lives. Amen.

On behalf of Memorial Lutheran Church, I welcome you into the congregation. We are glad that you not only share our life and faith together, but also are here to share our purpose and work as God's people. May the Spirit of the resurrected Christ make us into that Body which is of Christ. 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:** *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* - David Cherwien  
*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 Presider and a Congregation. It consists of four lines of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*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* *"United at the Table" - ELW #498*

### 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: “Soli Deo Gloria” - ELW #878**

### **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:** “*Laudation*” - Gilbert Martin  
*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*

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 &amp; 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

### Day of Pentecost next Sunday, June 8

Mark your calendars: We invite you to wear red next Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Spirit!

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://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

Lynn Rhodes

Mike Neal

Steve Jungst

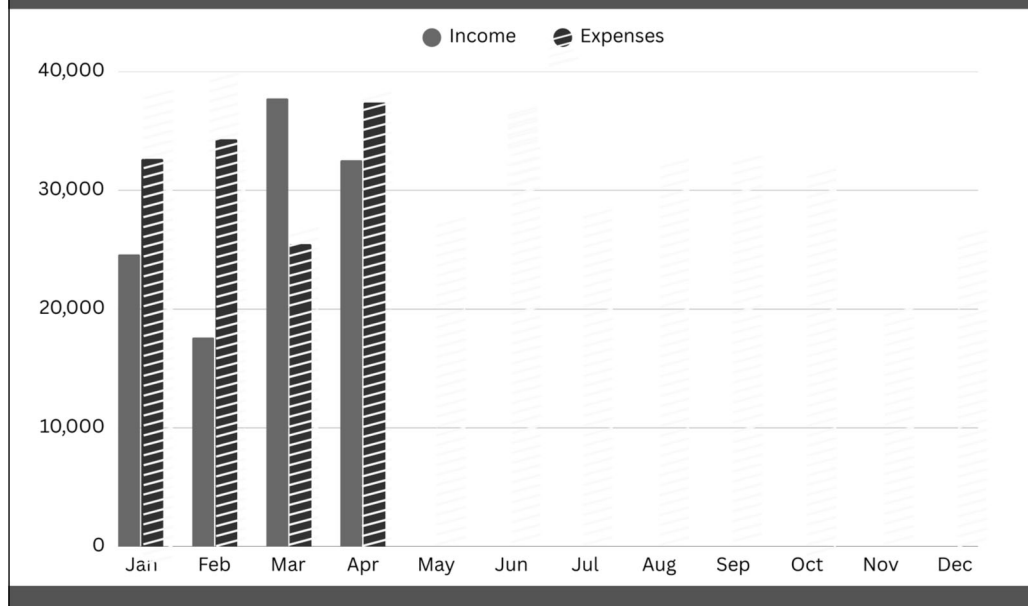
## General Fund 2025

### Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2025

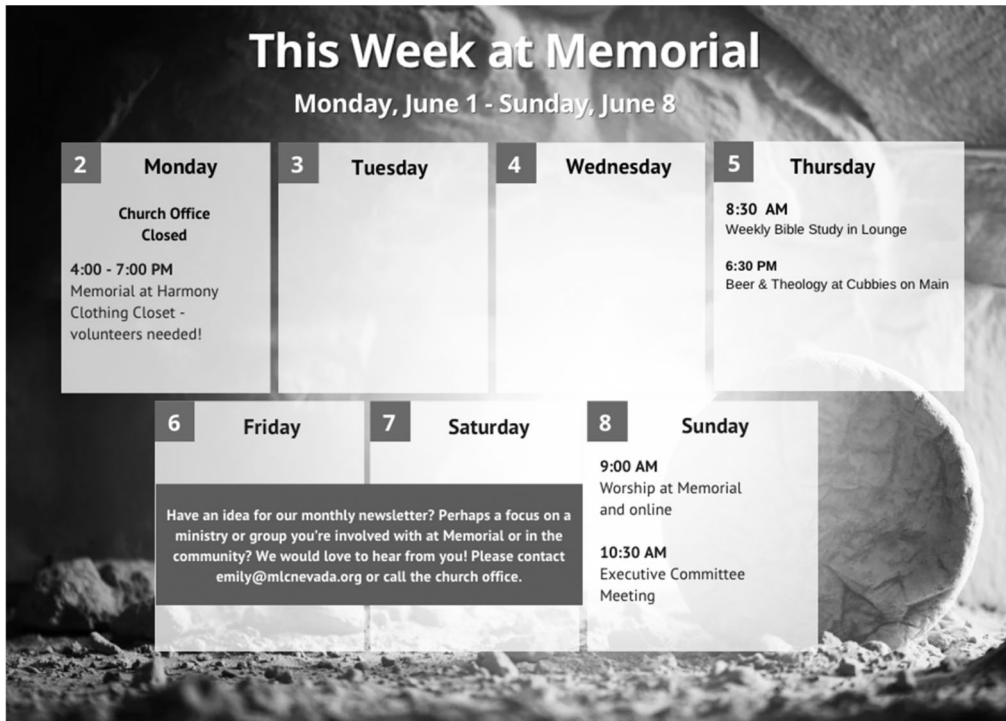
Income: \$112,228

Expenses: (129,823)

Current Deficit: (\$17,595)







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