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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* - arr. John Behnke  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW #858**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

- <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 103:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”)

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”)

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Back to School Blessing**

*For all students, teachers, and support staff*

## Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 10

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel according to Luke

### Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

<sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” - ELW #617**

## **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**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

## **Offering**

**Music Voluntary: “10,000 Reasons” - Matt Redman**  
*Vocal Duet: Aly Sassman and Oliver Lotz*



## **Offering Prayer**

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **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.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

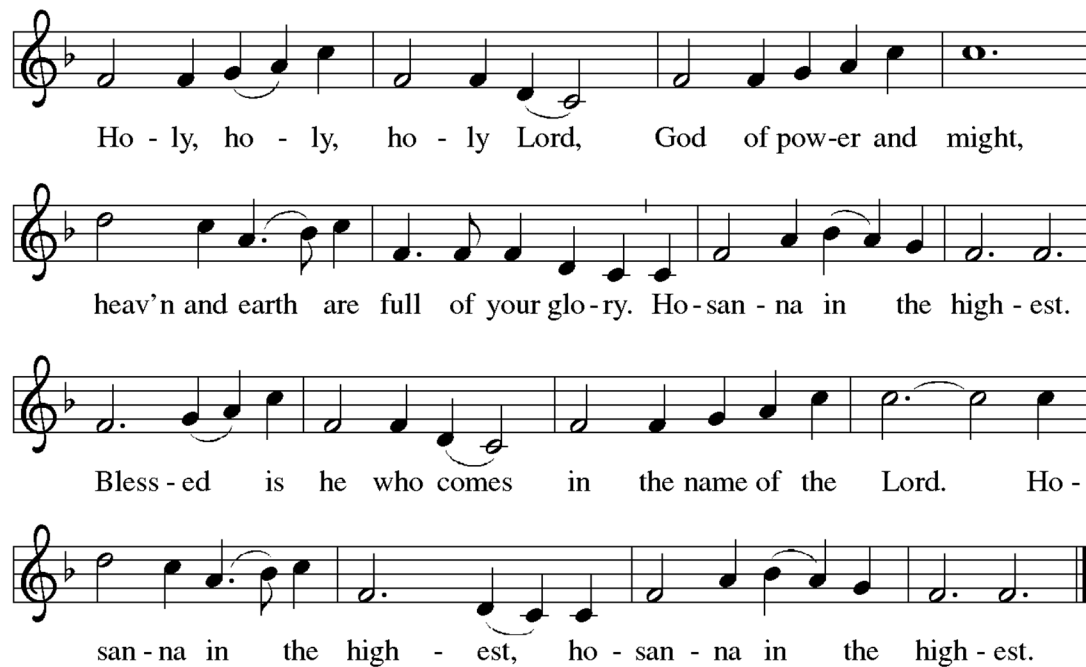
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ***“Holy, Holy, Holy” - ELW Setting 10***



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Words of Institution**

#### **The 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

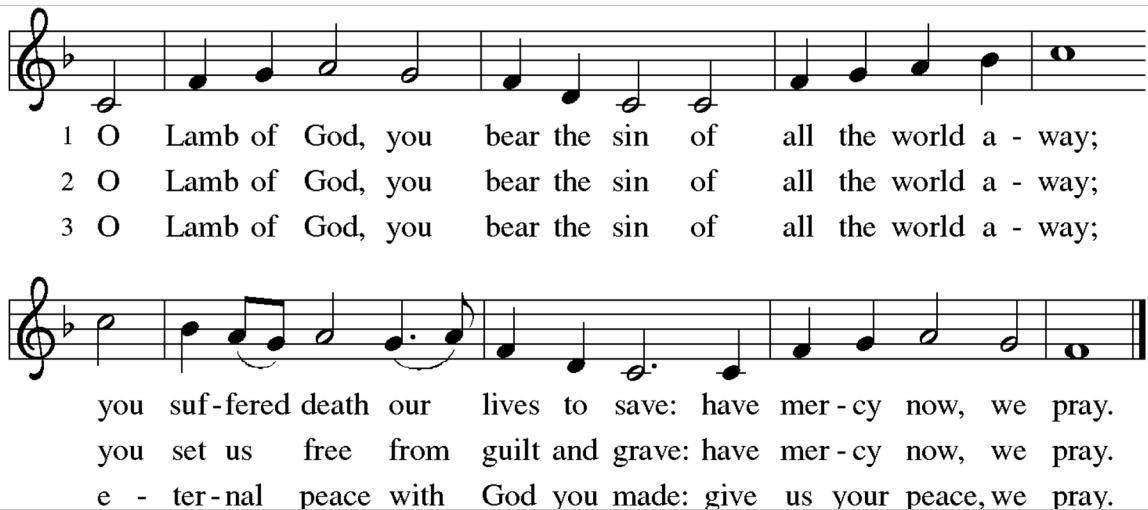
The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## Communion Hymns

***"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10***

***"Come, Ye Disconcolate" - ELW #607***

### ***Lamb of God***



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Prayer After Communion

Nurturing God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"* ELW #534

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* - arr. Paul Manz  
*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 Lou Ann Williams and her family in your prayers following the death of her husband Rob Williams on July 30, 2025.*

*Please keep the family of +Nancy Greiner in your prayers following her death.*

Craig Sutherland	Emma Nelson	Christina King
June Copenhaver <i>mother of Diane Martin</i>	<i>granddaughter of Steve &amp; Nan Jungst</i>	Sherry Kluever
Pastor Andrea Myers <i>wife of Pastor Ronald Myers</i>	Ardith Forsyth	Kim Elliott
Charlie Lloyd	Eileen Miller	Pr. Marcia Kisner
Bert Ann Ray	Karen Anderson	Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
Wayne Kinyon	Caleb Roof	Carol Vincent
Loren Bryant <i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	Evelyn Onstot	Cassie Harrell
Jill Rhodes	Marty Schuler	Jean Smith
Judy Johnson	Katy Beno <i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	Easton Farrington
Gloria Jacobson	Eric Forsyth	Janice Hartz
Connie Robinson <i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Crystal Vines	Jackie Byers <i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Baby Paisley	Katie Bass <i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Donna See
Barb McDaniel	Wayne Johnson	Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Ken Huffaker <i>father of Kendra McCauley</i>	Troy Vincent	Fred Samuelson
	Johann Thiel	Jaylee Bartleson
	Mike Neal	

**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: Lincoln Highway Days Community Worship Service featuring Untitled Skateboards**

When: Sunday, August 24 at 10:30am

Where: Dueland Pavilion at the Story County Fairgrounds

What: A community worship service featuring Untitled Skateboards. This is a free event for the entire community.

### **Save the Date: Fall Kick-Off Party - Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

The whole congregation is invited to attend this party celebrating the start of Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group! We'll decorate cookies, play yard games, eat pizza, and have the opportunity to win prizes! All are invited; bring a friend!

### **Save the Date: "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is Sept. 7**

Bring a friend and join us as one of more than 8,700 congregations engaging in service work to make a positive change in our community, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. We will have a shortened 9:00 am worship service, followed by the activities below (choose what fits you best!) Following our service activities, all are invited to a church potluck. Please bring something to share!

#### **Service Activities**

- ◆ Volunteer at Harmony Clothing Closet
- ◆ Tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- ◆ Small ensembles visiting Windsor Manor
- ◆ Wednesday Night Live supply organizing
- ◆ Cleaning inside and around church
- ◆ Food at First prep
- ◆ Neighborhood yard clean-up as needed

## **Save the Date: Worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge - Sunday, September 14 , 10:00 AM, followed by potluck**

Join us at the beautiful Hickory Grove Park for worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge on Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck. Please bring a side to share!

## **Raising Readers in Story County Presents “Small Talk”**

This fall, Raising Readers in Story County and the Nevada Public Library are excited to offer “Small Talk”, a fun (free!) weekly class where you and your baby (age 2 - 32 months) can play, talk, and learn together. Each week will feature new toys, books and hands-on activities; practical tips to boost your baby’s brain through everyday talk, a free book to take home, and ideas to build connections and support your baby’s development. A light meal will also be served to families. See the handouts in the Narthex to sign up.

When: Thursdays Sept. 18 - Nov. 20, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Nevada Public Library

## ***Thank You, Nevada Boys & Girls Club!***

The Nevada Boys & Girls Club’s (B&GC) staff and kids who make Memorial their home after school and during the summer would like to share how grateful they are to our congregation for by providing space and support for activities that benefit many kids in our community. Following the B&GC’s recent car wash and lemonade stand fundraiser, they very generously decided to donate the \$716 raised to Memorial! We continue to be blessed to be able to share our space with such a dedicated group. *Thank you, Nevada Boys & Girls Club!*

## **Support Lutheran Lakeside’s *For Every Season* Campaign**

Memorial has had a long history of sending students and families to Lutheran Lakeside Camp for “the best week ever!” where campers are given unique opportunities to try new things, challenge themselves, enjoy creation, make friends, and grow in their faith. We invite you to join us in giving back to this Lutheran Lakeside through their *For Every Season* campaign, which aims to

improve all property and facilities to dramatically increase year-round offerings, as they seek to offer a place of belonging for all people to find joy and purpose in God's Creation. Visit [lutheranlakeside.com](http://lutheranlakeside.com) or use the QR code to learn more and to give.

*Thank you!*



### **Volunteers Needed: 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!

### **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.





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### **Weekly Bible Study - New Day & Time**

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2:00 PM in Chapel

### **Fall Kick-off Party**

*Come celebrate the start of Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group!  
All are invited!*

When: Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### **MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!**

When: Monday, September 1, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

### **Weekly Bible Study - New Day & Time**

When: Tuesday, September 2, 2:00 PM in Chapel

### **Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Resume**

When: Tuesday, September 2

### **Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group Resume**

When: Wednesday, September 3

### **Beer & Theology**

When: Thursday, September 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

### **“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday**

When: Sunday, September 7 following 9:00 AM worship

## **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

Carl Link

Larry Parker

Wayne Kinyon, Vice President

Connie Kinyon

Lynn Rhodes

Erin Rewerts, Secretary

Denise Rehor

Mike Neal

Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer

Emilia Stage

Steve Jungst



## This Week at Memorial

Monday, August 25 - Sunday, August 31

<b>25 Monday</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26 Tuesday</b> 10:00 AM CROP Walk Meeting in Lounge  2:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel	<b>27 Wednesday</b> 6:30 - 7:30 PM <b>Fall Kick-off Celebration</b> <i>The whole congregation is invited to attend this party celebrating the start of Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group!</i>	<b>28 Thursday</b>
<b>29 Friday</b>	<b>30 Saturday</b>	<b>31 Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online	

**Office Hours**  
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM\*  
 \*Call 515-382-6509 for appointments outside of office hours

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