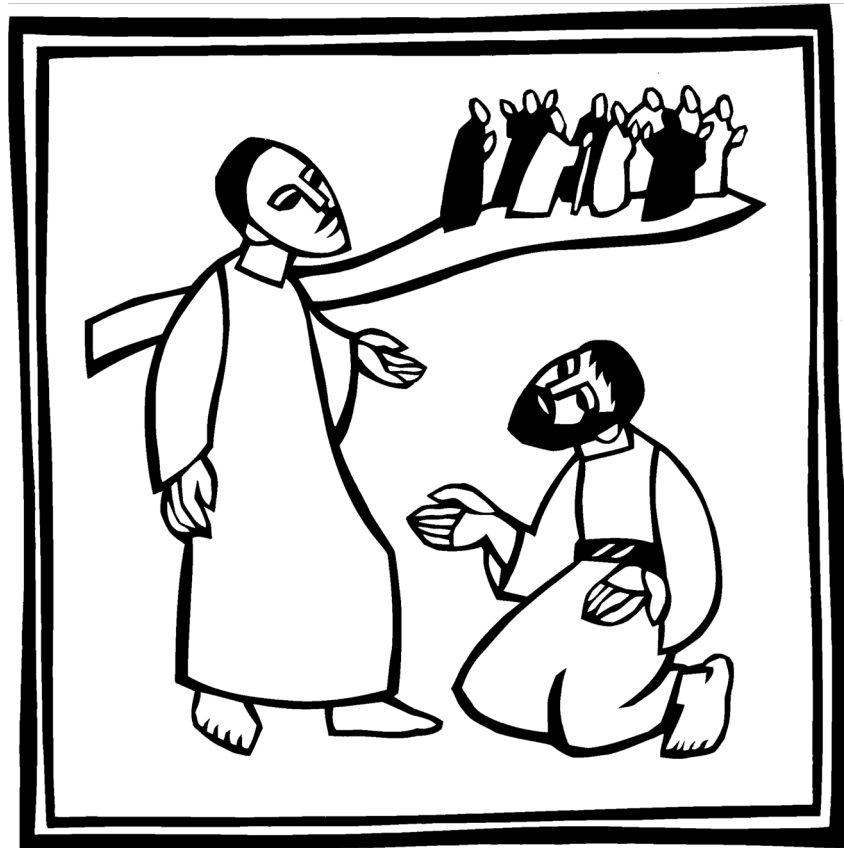


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Prelude: *“A Doxology Contemplation”* - arr. Lynette Maynard; follow the
Lois Theesfield, piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Praise My Soul the God of Heaven” ELW #864

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

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants

approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Refrain



¹ **Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,**

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ **Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever. *Refrain***

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ **You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.**

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations. *Refrain***

- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your
covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise
endures forever. *Refrain*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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: *“Praise the Lord!”* - arr. Nicholas Hanson
Memorial Handbells

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

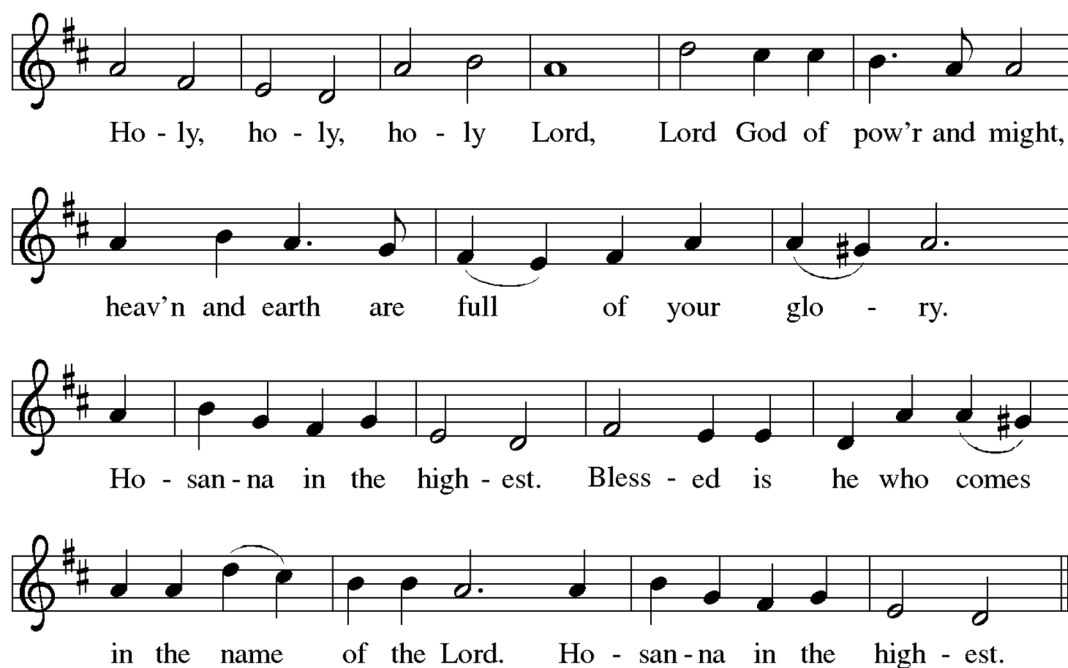
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

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 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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

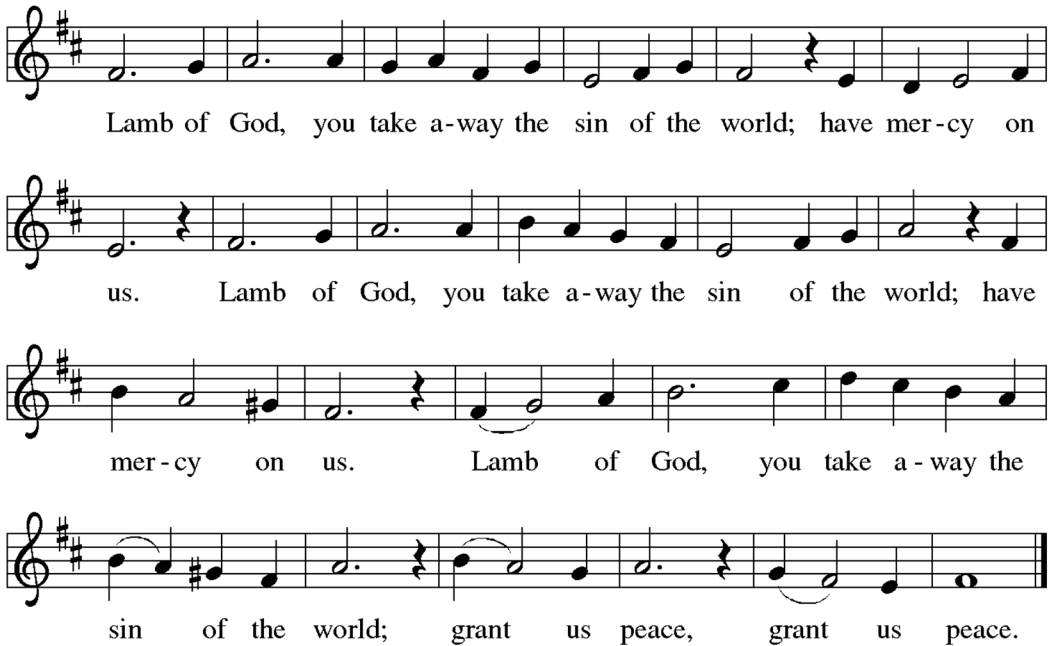
The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4

"Thank You, Lord" - ACS #1092

Lamb of God - ELW Setting 4



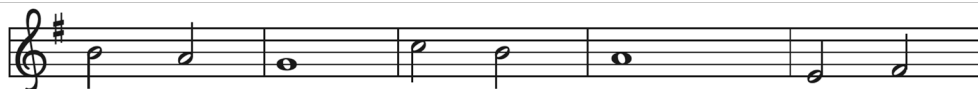
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Thank You Lord - ACS #1092



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

Prayer After Communion

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Voices Raised to You"* ELW #845, stanzas 1,2,5

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* - arr. Pier Post
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 Ardith Forsyth and family in your prayers following
the death of her husband, George Forsyth*

*Please keep Lou Ann Williams and her family in your prayers following
the death of her husband Rob Williams*

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

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

Community Trunk-or-Treat at Memorial

Trunk-or-Treat returns! Bring your family and friends to Memorial's parking lot Sunday, October 26 between 4:30 and 6:00pm for trick-or-treating around decorated vehicles. All are welcome to tour the decorated trunks and collect some fun treats, and / or enjoy a light dinner with free-will donations benefitting the Good Samaritan Fund. Want to bring your decorated vehicle and hand out candy? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2025MLCTrunkOrTreat>, use the QR code, or contact the church office.



Memorial Ringers to Attend Handbell Festival

Seven members from our Memorial Handbell Choir will be attending the Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival with clinician and composer Nick Hanson this coming Saturday, October 18th in Des Moines. Morning and afternoon rehearsals will culminate with a brief concert at 3:00 pm showcasing the five anthems of study during the day. This concert is open to the public, and we invite our Memorial friends to come and hear us play along with 50-plus ringers from all over Iowa. Those attending are Annette Dalthorp, Robin Collins, Renee Larsen, Cathy Carsrud, Jeanie Ferneau, Emily Dalthorp, and Lois Theesfield. The event will be held at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, 1240 66th St., DSM.

All Saints Sunday November 2

We have records of the names of Memorial members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. Their names will be read during a special time of prayer on All Saints Sunday (November 2). We are mindful that many of you may have lost others who are dear to you in this past year. If you would like their name to be read, please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office at emily@mlcnevada.org or 515-382-6509.

Spirit, Open Our Hearts-Afternoon with Bishop Current

Join Bishop Current for an afternoon of fellowship, conversation, and worship on Sunday, November 9 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.

General Fund Spending Plan Forums November 2 and 5

As the Finance Team and Council finalizes Memorial's General Fund Spending Plan (budget) for 2026, we will be holding two Spending Plan Forums: Sunday, November 2 in the Lounge following worship and Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM also in the Lounge. This is your opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Spending Plan, Memorial's financial structure, and to ask any questions you may have.

Meal Train for Julie & Craig Sutherland

In the time leading up to Craig's surgery and then after, it would be very helpful for Julie and Craig to have some meals delivered to their home. Please use the QR code to sign up, and contact the church office for their address and any other questions. *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!

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 or use the QR code to learn more and to give. *Thank you!*



Online Giving with Tithe.ly

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.



Pastor on Call

If you need to reach the pastor outside of office hours, on weekends, or on holidays for emergencies, please call 515-382-6509 and leave a message with your name and phone number. The pastor will return your call as soon as they are able.

Save the Date

TODAY: Lutheran World Relief Quilts Dedication

When: Sunday, October 12 during worship

Executive Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 14, 5:00 PM

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

When: Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 PM

Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group

When: Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 PM

Weekly Bible Study - *Note adjusted date/time this week*

When: Thursday, October 16, 2:00 PM in Chapel

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, October 16, 7:00 PM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Tuesday, October 21, 2:00 PM

Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group

When: Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 PM

Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday

When: Sunday, October 26

Trunk-or-Treat @ Memorial

When: Sunday, October 26, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Tuesday, October 28, 2:00 PM

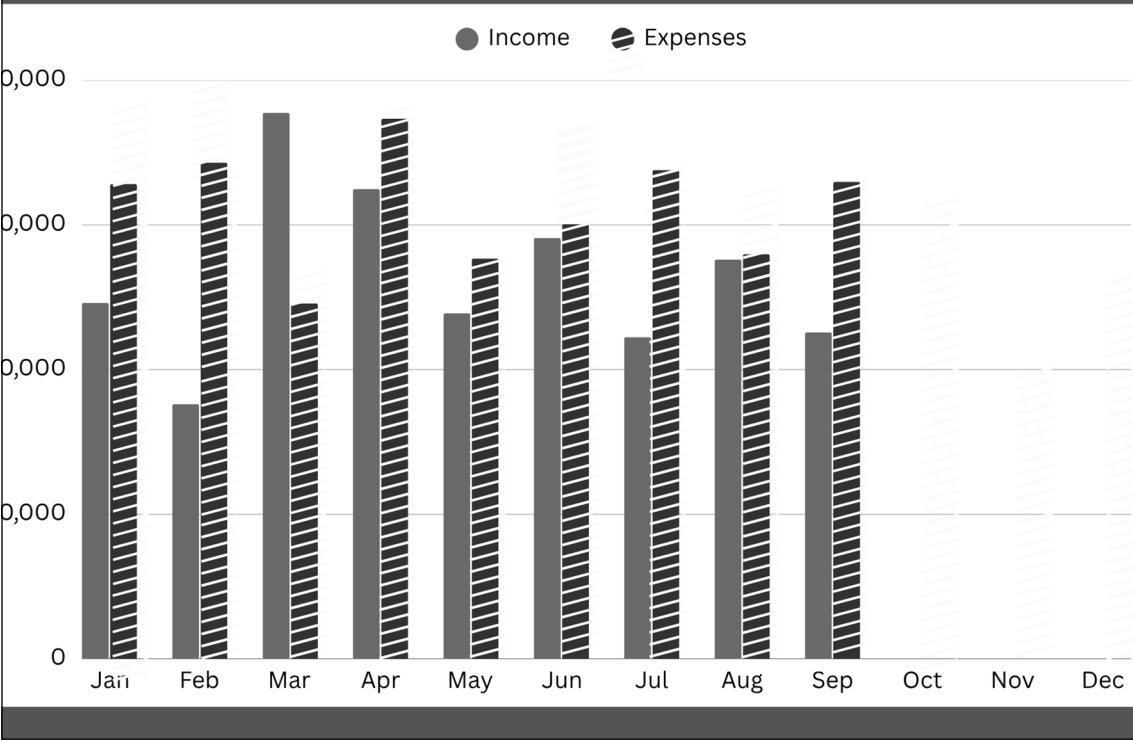
Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group

When: Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 PM

General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of September 30, 2025

Income: \$237,898 Expenses: (\$281,541) Current Deficit: (\$43,643)



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, October 13 - Sunday, October 19

13	Monday	14	Tuesday	15	Wednesday	16	Thursday
Church Office Closed		5:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 - 7:30 PM Wednesday Night Live and Youth Group 6:30 - 7:30 PM Confirmation	2:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel 7:00 PM Council Meeting			
17	Friday	18	Saturday	19	Sunday		
Have an idea for our monthly newsletter? Perhaps a focus on a ministry or group you're involved with at Memorial or in the community? We would love to hear from you! Please contact emily@mlcnevada.org or call the church office.		7:00 - 10:30 AM Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	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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