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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *“Prayer of Saint Gregory”* - Alan Hovhaness  
*Craig Swartz, trumpet*

## Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* - ELW #803

## Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never tires of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

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**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a  
new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this  
commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was  
the servant of all, 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: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall  
mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year  
for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month  
they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a  
household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in  
obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of  
people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet,  
and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover  
of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will  
strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and  
animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see  
the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike  
the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 116 :1-2, 12-19**

*Refrain*



<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called. *Refrain*

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people. *Refrain*

<sup>15</sup> Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid you have freed me  
from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD. *Refrain*

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. *Refrain*

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation - from "Now the Feast and Celebration" - Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God. *Repeat*

## Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel according to John  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he

poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

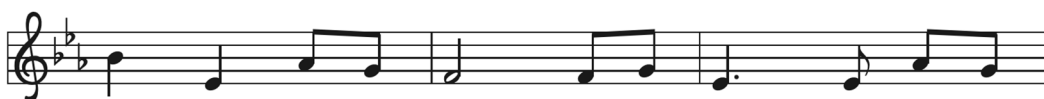
The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" - ACS #966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

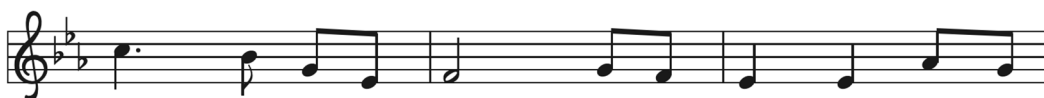


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

### *Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **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:** *"In This Feast of Love"* - arr. Mark Sedio  
*Memorial Choir*

## **Offering Prayer**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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 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.**

## **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**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## **Hymns during Communion**

*"Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now"* - ACS #930

*"Abide With Me"* - ELW #629

## Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament  
you strengthen us with the saving power  
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.  
May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Anthem:** *“Thy Will Be Done”* - Craif Courtney  
*Memorial Choir*

**Stripping of the Altar**  
*Psalm 22 read by Dario Zaffarano*

*All may depart in silence as they feel ready. Join us as worship continues tomorrow evening at 7pm for our Good Friday worship service. Meditative music will be provided beginning at 6:40pm tomorrow evening.*

## 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 Shelley Ludeman and family in your prayers following the death of her sister, Rhonda Thompson*

*Please keep Kenzie and Fred Alderson and family in your prayers following the death of Fred's mother Beverly Alderson.*

June Rush <i>sister of Joan Ridgway</i>	Wayne Kinyon	<i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>
Nan Jungst	Loren Bryant <i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	Wayne Johnson
Paul Johnson	Jill Rhodes	Troy Vincent
Bill Couser	Connie Robinson <i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Johann Thiel
Mary Brinkman	Barb McDaniel	Mike Neal
Ashley and Ming Xu <i>friends of Aly Sassman</i>	Ken Huffaker <i>father of Kendra McCauley</i>	Christina King
Julia Zaffarano	Emma Nelson <i>granddaughter of Steve &amp; Nan Jungst</i>	Sherry Kluever
Joan Stensland	Ardith Forsyth	Kim Elliott
Kathy Lynn Johnson	Eileen Miller	Pr. Marcia Kisner
Teresa Krebs	Karen Anderson	Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
Kari Toot	Caleb Roof	Cassie Harrell
Tanya Sorem	Evelyn Onstot	Jean Smith
Julie & Craig Sutherland	Katy Beno <i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	Easton Farrington
June Copenhaver <i>mother of Diane Martin</i>	Eric Forsyth	Janice Hartz
Pastor Andrea Myers <i>wife of Pastor Ronald Myers</i>	Crystal Vines	Jackie Byers <i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Charlie Lloyd	Katie Bass	Donna See
Bert Ann Ray		Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>

**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**

### **Donation Statements Update**

In an effort to reduce costs associated with mailing giving statements, we'll be moving to mailing statements twice a year (January and July) rather than quarterly. However, if you would like a copy of your individual statement at any point in the year, we would be happy to mail it or email it to you. Thank you!

### **Walk to the Cross - Friday, April 3**

Come with us as we walk to symbolize Jesus' walk and carry our cross on Good Friday, April 3. We will start at Central Presbyterian Church (932 5th St) at 12:00 noon and walk to St. Patrick Catholic Church (1110 11th St.) There will be a short service at St. Patrick's about 12:20. If you are unable to walk, please just meet us at St. Patrick's. In case of inclement weather, the walk will be cancelled, and the service will begin at 12:00 at St. Patrick's.

### **Memorial Musicians Spring Concert "Gospels, Spirituals, Hymns, and more!"**

*Sunday, May 3, at 4pm*

Mark your calendars for this annual event featuring Memorial's Handbell and Vocal choirs along with special guest instrumentalists. Your attendance encourages the music ministry of our church and gives thanks and appreciation for their dedication and faithfulness throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

### **Luther College Collegiate Chorale to Perform at Memorial!**

*Thursday, April 23, at 7pm*

We are excited to share that the Luther College Collegiate Chorale (of which Sarah Miller is a member!) will be performing at Memorial on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM as part of their tour!

As a host, Memorial will be providing food and access to lodging for the 49 choir members, and we are looking for families or individuals willing to host a minimum of 2 choir members for a night. If you would be interested (or know of others in the community who would be), please contact Lois Theesfield or the church office for details. Thank you for your support of this exciting opportunity!

## Prayer Shawl & Quilt Invitation

As we prepare for the 2026 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, congregations across the synod are invited to help surround this gathering in prayer, comfort, and peace blessings. The theme, "Peace be with You," will be embodied through the gift of handmade prayer shawls and lap quilts; creations that offer color, warmth, and care from the hands and hearts of people across our synod. Can you knit, crochet, or sew? Would you be willing to donate a prayer shawl, a lap quilt, or a quilt? Please let us know in the office!

## Feeding Haiti's Kids - Friday, April 17, 4-6 pm

We are trying to organize volunteers to pack meals for Feeding Haiti's Kids at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames (1416 20th Street). We have 11 slots for volunteers. All volunteers must be 8 years and older and anyone under 12 must have an adult with them. Please contact Pastor Kathleen to sign up.

## 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.



## 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***



# This Week at Memorial

Monday, March 30 - Sunday, April 5

<b>30</b> <b>Monday</b> Church Office Closed	<b>31</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 6:00 PM* Handbells Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 PM Holy Communion Instruction	<b>2</b> <b>Thursday</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
<b>3</b> <b>Friday</b> 12:00 PM Walk to the Cross begins at Central Presbyterian 6:40 PM Meditative music prior to Good Friday Worship 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship	<b>4</b> <b>Saturday</b> 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 <a href="mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org">emily@mlcnevada.org</a> or call the church office.	<b>5</b> <b>Sunday</b> 7:00 AM Easter Dawn Worship 7:45 - 8:45 AM Easter Brunch <i>Fundraiser for Memorial Youth</i> 9:00 AM "Easter - He is Risen!" Worship at Memorial and online <i>Easter egg hunt will follow</i>	

#### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM\*

\*Call 515-382-6509 for appointments outside of office hours

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