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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Processional of Joy”* - Hal Hopson

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Song: *“I Come with Joy”* - ELW #482

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
**We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. Amen.**

“Now the Feast” - Marty Haugen

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2
Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3
Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all

the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - from "Now the Feast and Celebration" - 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!

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” - ELW #579

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 the Risen Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"* - arr. Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
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.

Great Thanksgiving - from "Now the Feast and Celebration" - Marty Haugen

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is split into 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:'. The second line is also split. The third line is split. The fourth line is a single line of music.

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

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

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

Hymns during Communion

***"Lamb of God"* - *"Now the Feast"* - Marty Haugen
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - ELW #484**

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation*

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

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

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: “Thine the Amen” - ELW #826

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”* - 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 family of +Johann Thiel in your prayers following his death

Please keep the family of +Norma Gandrup in your prayers following her death

Bounthieng Luck
friend of Jody & Joe Melcher

Mike Coverdale

Dan Thompson
brother-in-law of Joyce Mack

Mel Craven

Beverly Johnson

June Rush
sister of Joan Ridgway

Nan Jungst

Paul Johnson

Mary Brinkman

Ashley and Ming Xu
friends of Aly Sassman

Julia Zaffarano

Kathy Lynn Johnson

Teresa Krebs

Kari Toot

Tanya Sorem

Julie & Craig Sutherland

June Copenhaver
mother of Diane Martin

Pastor Andrea Myers
wife of Pastor Ronald Myers

Charlie Lloyd

Bert Ann Ray

Wayne Kinyon

Loren Bryant
brother of Arlys Neal

Jill Rhodes

Connie Robinson
sister of Shirley Klonglan

Barb McDaniel

Ken Huffaker
father of Kendra McCauley

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granddaughter of Steve & Nan Jungst

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Eric Forsyth

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Mike Neal

Christina King

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Marlene Waddell
friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

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.*

Save the Date

Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 21, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, May 21, 7:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 28, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!

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

Bible Study

When: Thursday, June 4, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Good Samaritan Cookout Fundraiser

When: Wednesday, June 17, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: St. Patrick Catholic Church

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, June 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

4th of July Root Beer Floats

When: Saturday, July 4

Where: MLC courtyard

Christmas in July Open House

When: Sunday, July 26 following worship

Where: MLC courtyard

Vacation Bible School

Registration information coming soon!

When: August 2 - 5, evenings

Where: St. Patrick Catholic Church

Announcements

Memorial Musicians Spring Concert "Gospel, Spirituals, Hymns, and more!" Now on YouTube

If you missed our musicians' concert on May 3 (or want to re-visit your favorite pieces!) the concert is now available on Memorial's YouTube channel.

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.



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!***



Good Samaritan Cookout Fundraiser
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

5:00-7:00 pm



**St. Patrick's Catholic
Church**
**1110 11th St. Nevada,
Iowa**



Free Will Offering

Bring a friend

**Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Beans, Veggies, Chips,
Desserts, Drinks, and Table service provided.**

DINE IN

PICNIC OUTSIDE

CARRY OUT

Bring a lawn chair, or a blanket and listen to music provided by: ONION CREEK CLOGGERS

The Good Samaritan fund provides limited financial assistance to Eastern Story County residents in dire need. It provides utility and rent assistance, and gas cards. The Good Samaritan Fund is funded entirely by local churches, and private donations.

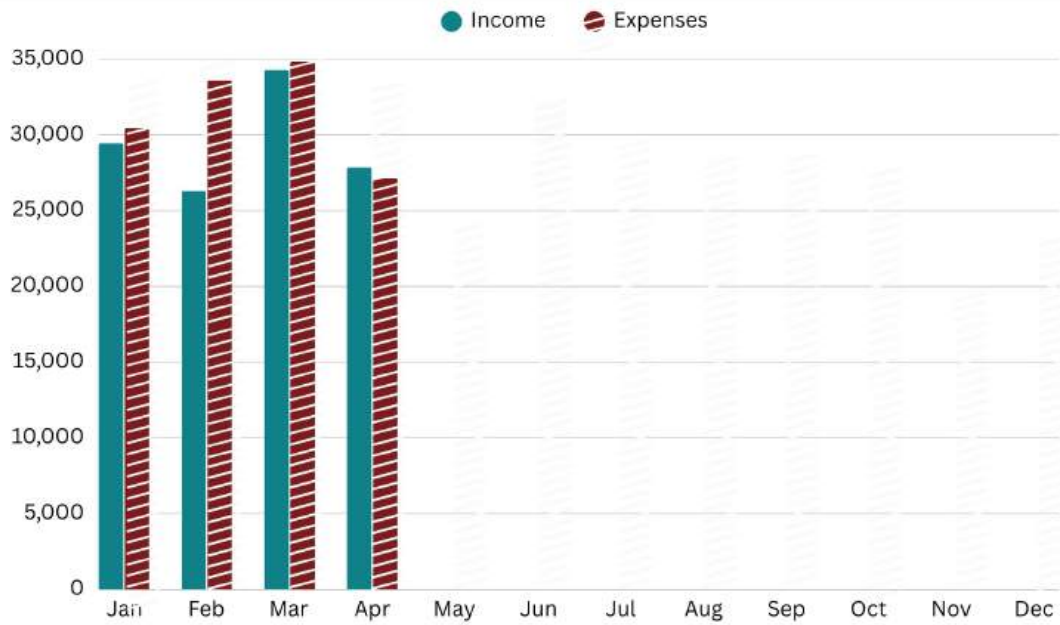
General Fund 2026

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2026

Income: \$117,874

Expenses: (\$126,066)

Deficit: (\$8,192)



This Week at Memorial

Monday, May 18 - Sunday, May 24

<p>18 Monday</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>19 Tuesday</p>	<p>20 Wednesday</p>	<p>21 Thursday</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>
<p>22 Friday</p>	<p>23 Saturday</p>	<p>24 Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online</p>	<p>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.</p>

Office Hours

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

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

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