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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** "Concerto in B Minor, 1st Mvt." - Antonio Vivaldi

*Violinists: Emilia Stage, Gretchen Theesfield, Leah Kolner, Dekel Luban*

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

O God, who sent gifts

of the Holy Spirit to those first saints,

**We know you continue to send gifts to us,  
even though we do not claim them.**

**We confess that we have not always opened our gifts.**

**We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried.**

Move us, by your Spirit,

to pick up our presents, that you so freely give,

**to open them and to spend them lavishly  
on the stewardship of your world.**

**We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused,  
both individually**

**and when we are together as your people,  
and that this confusion has often blinded us  
to your interest in our lives.**

Break in on our confusion,  
and astonish us anew, O God!

**Our prayer is that you will claim us again  
and silence within us our desire**

**to always have words for every occasion,  
that we might hear the whisper of the wings of your Spirit dove.**

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray.


**Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession, from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website*


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.**

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.**

### **Kyrie - With One Voice, Setting 5**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Hymn of Praise - With One Voice, Setting 5



**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;




glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**☐** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



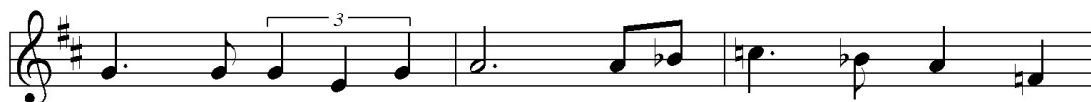
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**☐** Lord Je - susChrist, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I  
II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

- <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

### **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**  
<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**  
<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**  
<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.  
<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to

another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation - *With One Voice, Setting 5*



## **Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23**

The Gospel according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day: "O Spirit All-Embracing" - ACS #944



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## **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:** *"Simple Gifts"* - arr. Bruce Chase  
*Violinists: Emilia Stage, Gretchen Theesfield, Leah Kolner, Dekel Luban*

## **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.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

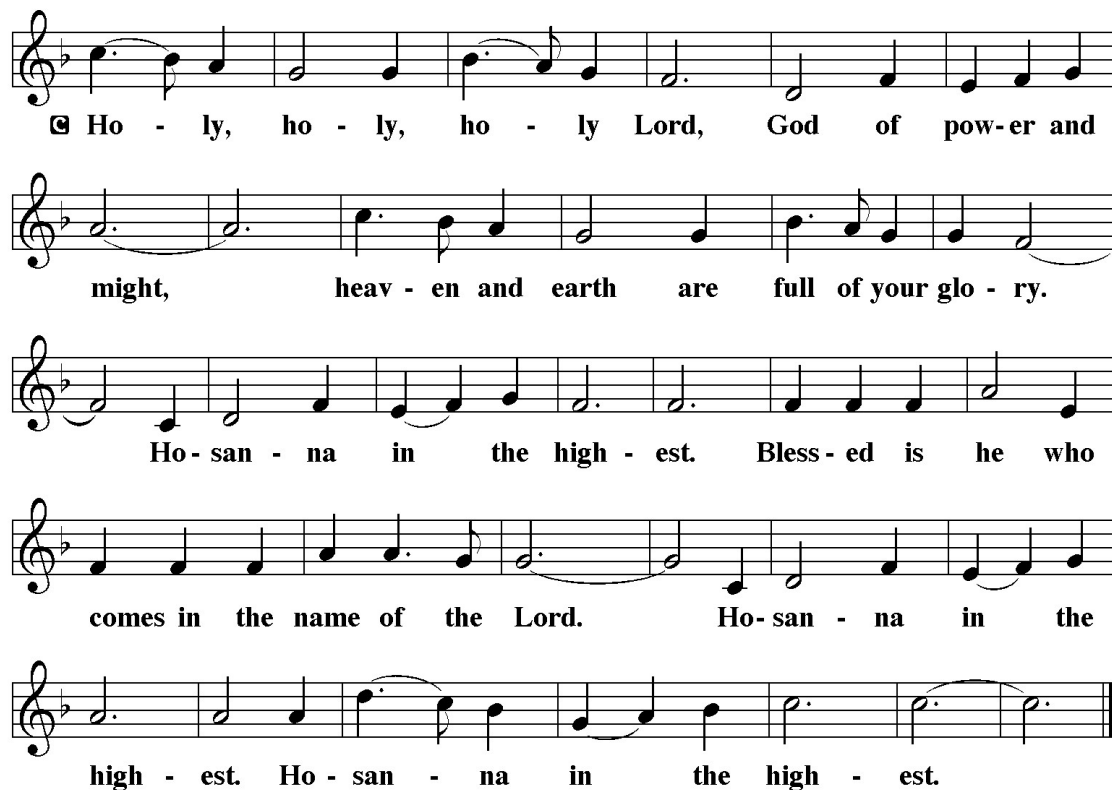
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

## **Holy, Holy, Holy - With One Voice, Setting 5**

*It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en 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**

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

## **Hymns during Communion**

*"Lamb of God" - With One Voice, Setting 5*  
*"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" - ELW #401*

## Lamb of God - With One Voice, Setting 5

♩ 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the first line of the lyrics. The second staff begins with a fermata over the first note, followed by the second line of lyrics. The third staff begins with a fermata over the first note, followed by the third line of lyrics. The fourth staff begins with a fermata over the first note, followed by the fourth line of lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" - ACS #942

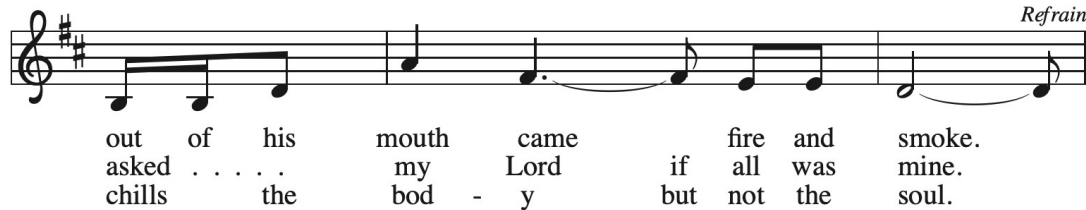
*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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## 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: "Allegro" - Telemann

Violinists: Emilia Stage, Gretchen Theesfield, Leah Kolner, Dekel Luban

## 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 family of +Johann Thiel in your prayers following his death*

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

Kevin Casper <i>cousin of Tanya Sorem</i>	Wayne Kinyon	Wayne Johnson
Mike Coverdale	Loren Bryant <i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	Troy Vincent
Mel Craven	Jill Rhodes	Mike Neal
Beverly Johnson	Connie Robinson <i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Christina King
June Rush <i>sister of Joan Ridgway</i>	Barb McDaniel	Sherry Kluever
Nan Jungst	Ken Huffaker <i>father of Kendra McCauley</i>	Kim Elliott
Paul Johnson	Emma Nelson <i>granddaughter of Steve &amp; Nan Jungst</i>	Pr. Marcia Kisner
Mary Brinkman	Ardith Forsyth	Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
Ashley and Ming Xu <i>friends of Aly Sassman</i>	Eileen Miller	Cassie Harrell
Kathy Lynn Johnson	Karen Anderson	Jean Smith
Teresa Krebs	Caleb Roof	Easton Farrington
Kari Toot	Evelyn Onstot	Janice Hartz
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June Copenhaver <i>mother of Diane Martin</i>	Crystal Vines	Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Pastor Andrea Myers <i>wife of Pastor Ronald Myers</i>	Katie Bass <i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Fred Samuelson
Charlie Lloyd		Jaylee Bartleson
Bert Ann Ray		Janeen Driscoll

***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 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

### **Beer & Theology**

When: Thursday, June 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

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### **Good Samaritan Cookout Fundraiser**

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

Where: St. Patrick Catholic Church

### **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: Fellowship Hall

### **Vacation Bible School**

*Registration information coming soon!*

When: August 2 - 5, evenings



# This Week at Memorial

Monday, May 25 - Sunday, May 31

<p><b>25</b>    <b>Monday</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b>    <b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>    <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>    <b>Thursday</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel</p>
<p><b>29</b>    <b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>    <b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>    <b>Sunday</b></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 <a href="mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org">emily@mlcnevada.org</a> 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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