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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Trumpet Tune in C Major”* - Henry Purcell

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Song: *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”* - ELW #876

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
 for they will not succeed.
 Their eternal dishonor
 will never be forgotten.
¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
 you see the heart and the mind;
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³ Sing to the LORD;
 praise the LORD!
 For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Refrain



⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
 and shame has covered my face.
⁸ I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
 an alien to my mother's children.
⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
¹⁰ I humbled myself with fasting,
 but that was turned to my reproach. **Refrain**
¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
 in your great compassion, turn to me.
¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant;
 be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
¹⁸ Draw near to me and redeem me;
 because of my enemies deliver me. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

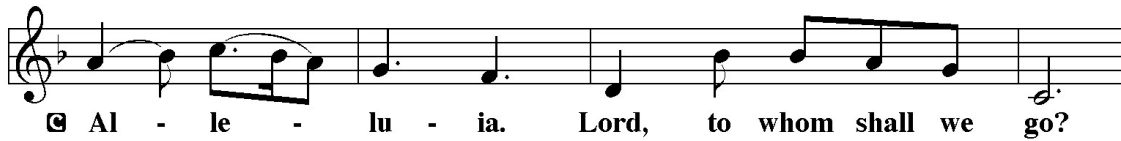
^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - *With One Voice, Setting 5*



Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

The Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “How Firm a Foundation” - ELW #796

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

Offering

**Music Voluntary: "Borning Cry" - John Ylvisaker
*Sarah Miller, vocal solo***

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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

...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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

Hymns during Communion

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

"Go My Children With My Blessing" - Sarah Miller, vocal solo

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.

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
+ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* - ELW #810

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“How Firm a Foundation”* - arr. David Cherwien
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.

Prayers for Keith Twedt and family following the death of his wife +Judi Twedt

Prayers for Almeda Warner and Amy Vinzant following the death of their brother +Ken Tillotson

Lynette Meis
friend of Steve & Nan Jungst

Diane Eilers

Mike Coverdale

Mel Craven

Beverly Johnson

June Rush
sister of Joan Ridgway

Nan Jungst

Paul Johnson

Mary Brinkman

Ashley and Ming Xu
friends of Aly Sassman

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

Ardith Forsyth

Eileen Miller

Karen Anderson

Caleb Roof

Evelyn Onstot

Katy Beno
sister of Sandy Christian

Eric Forsyth

Crystal Vines

Katie Bass
niece of Judy Coverdale

Wayne Johnson

Troy Vincent

Mike Neal

Christina King

Sherry Kluever

Kim Elliott

Pr. Marcia Kisner

Marlene Waddell
friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

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, July 2, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, July 2, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

4th of July Root Beer Floats

When: Saturday, July 4, 8:30 PM

Where: MLC courtyard

MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!

When: Monday, July 6, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 7, 5:00 PM

Where: Lounge

Lutheran World Relief Work Day (tentative)

When: Wednesday, July 8, 1:00 PM

Where: Mission Room

Bible Study

When: Thursday, July 9, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Finance Team Meeting

When: Thursday, July 9, 5:00 PM

Where: Staff Work Room

This Week at Memorial

Monday, June 22 - Sunday, June 28

22 Monday Church Office Closed	23 Tuesday	24 Wednesday	25 Thursday 8:30 AM CANCELLED: Bible Study
26 Friday	27 Saturday	28 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online via YouTube and Facebook	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.

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

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