

# 12th Sunday After Pentecost

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

*We welcome vocal soloist, Lori Fenton, to our worship this morning.  
Lori is an active soloist in the Des Moines area, both in sacred and secular  
settings. Thank You, Lori, for sharing your talents with us.*

**Prelude:** *Settings of “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” - Robert Hobby  
Lois Theesfield, organ*

## **Welcome**

**Gathering Song:** *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” - ELW #886*

## **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.**

## Kyrie

*All Creation Sings, Setting 11*

Leader or All

Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All

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Leader or All All

Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.  
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

# Glory to God

All Creation Sings, Setting 11



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
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## **Prayer of the Day**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar,  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Music Offering:** *“Bless This House”* - Taylor/Brahe  
*Lori Fenton, vocal solo*

## Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation

*All Creation Sings, Setting 11*

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

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

[<sup>10</sup> [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup> He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “Healer of Our Every Ill” - ELW #612**

## **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:** *"In This Very Room"* - Ron & Carol Harris  
*Lori Fenton, 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.*

## **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

All Creation Sings, Setting 11

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
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## **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" - ACS Setting 11 (see next page)*

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - ELW #759*

# Lamb of God

*All Creation Sings, Setting 11*



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

## 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 - Psalm 67

*Congregation reads the **bold** text*

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**Sending Hymn:** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* - ELW #650

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"We Are Marching in the Light"* - South African traditional  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## 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.

*Prayers for Judy Craven and family following the death of her husband +Mel Craven*

*Prayers for Kathy Larsen and family following the death of her sister +Deb Johnson*

Becky Johnson  
*relative of Judy Johnson*

Randy Theesfield  
*brother of Lynn Theesfield*

Lynette Meis  
*friend of Steve & Nan Jungst*

Mike Coverdale

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

***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.*

# This Week at Memorial

Monday, August 17 - Sunday, August 23

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| <b>17 Monday</b><br>Church Office Closed | <b>18 Tuesday</b><br>1:00 - 4:00 PM<br>Visitation for +Mel Craven<br>Fellowship Hall | <b>19 Wednesday</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>20 Thursday</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Bible Study<br>Chapel<br>7:00 PM<br>Council Meeting<br>Fellowship Hall                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>21 Friday</b>                         | <b>22 Saturday</b>                                                                   | <b>23 Sunday</b><br>9:00 AM<br>Worship at Memorial<br>and online via YouTube<br>and Facebook<br>10:30 AM<br>Pastoral Care Meeting<br>lounge | 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. |

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