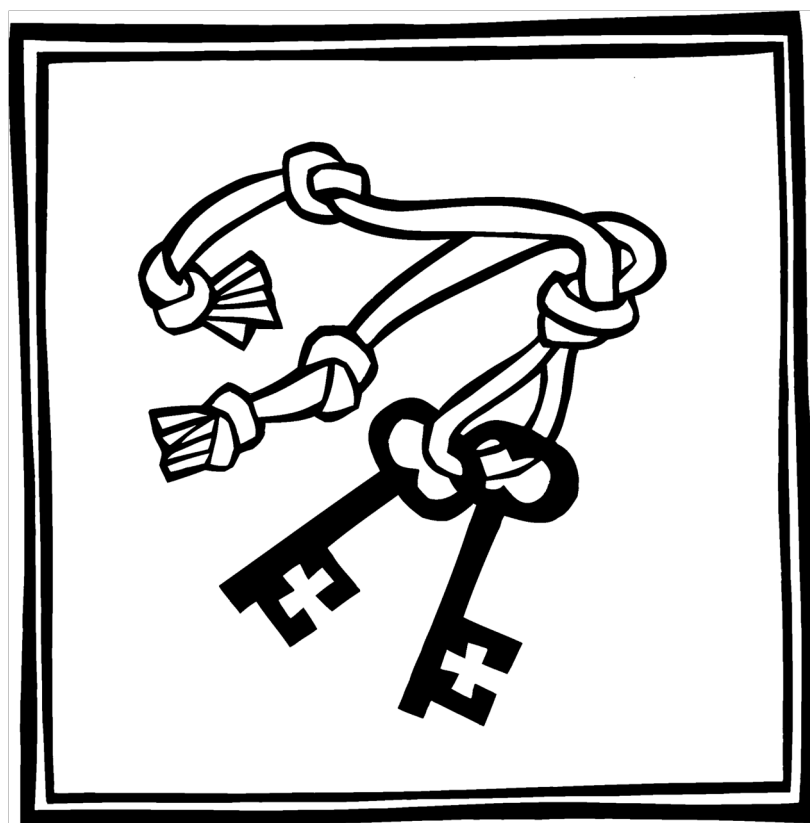


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Prelude: “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” - J.S. Bach

Nathalie Cruden, violin; Craig Swartz, trumpet

Welcome

Gathering Song: “Making Their Way” - ACS #979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks
learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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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

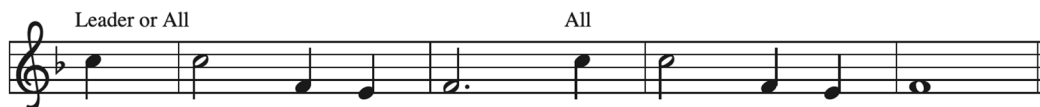
All Creation Sings, Setting 11



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.



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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!
 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!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music Offering: *"In Thee is Gladness"* - arr. Donald Busarow
Nathalie Cruden, violin; Craig Swartz, trumpet

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

The Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to You, O Lord

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" - ACS #1024

Refrain



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



Refrain
flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"* - arr. Donald Busarow
Nathalie Cruden, violin; Craig Swartz, trumpet

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

"Rock of Ages" - ELW #623

"Abide With Us, Our Savior" - arr. David Cherwien
Nathalie Cruden, violin

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

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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

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

Sending Hymn: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” - ELW #596

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*Trumpet Sonata*” - Henry Purcell
Craig Swartz, piccolo trumpet

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 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 24 - Sunday, August 30

24 Monday Church Office Closed	25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday 8:30 AM Bible Study Chapel
28 Friday 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.	29 Saturday	30 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online via YouTube and Facebook	

Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM*
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Save the Date

TODAY: Pastoral Care Meeting

When: Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM

Where: Lounge

Bible Study

When: Thursday, August 27, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Handbells & Choir Rehearsals Resume

When: Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday Night Live Kick-Off

When: Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 PM

Where: East Courtyard

Endowment Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 2, 8:00 PM

Bible Study

When: Thursday, September 3, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, September 3, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!

When: Monday, September 7, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 8, 5:00 PM

Where: Lounge

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

When: Wednesday, September 9, 1:00 PM

Where: Mission Room

CROP Walk Meeting (tentative)

When: Wednesday, September 9, 1:00 PM

Where: Lounge

Fellowship & Outreach Team Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 PM

Where: Lounge

Wednesday Night Live / Confirmation / High School Youth Group

When: Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 PM

Bible Study

When: Thursday, September 10, 8:30 AM

Where: Chapel

Finance Team Meeting

When: Thursday, September 10, 5:00 PM

Where: Staff Work Room

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

When: Sunday, September 13, following shortened 9:00 AM worship;

Potluck in Fellowship Hall to follow service activities

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, September 17, 7:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Save the Date: Wednesday Night Live Kick Off Party - Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

The whole congregation is invited to attend this party kicking off our Wednesday Night Faith Formation for the school year. Come celebrate the coming school year with pizza, games, and more. Bring a friend! **Reminder: THIS IS FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION.**

Save the Date: "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, September 13

Join us as one of more than 8,700 congregations engaging in service work to make a positive change in our community, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. We will have a shortened 9:00 am worship service, followed by a variety of service activities to choose from. Following our service activities, all are invited to a church potluck. **Please bring something to share, and don't forget to wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirts!**

Save the Date: Worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge - Sunday, September 27, 10:00 am, followed by potluck

Join us at the beautiful Hickory Grove Park for worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge on Sunday, September 27 at **10:00 AM**, followed by a potluck. **Please bring a dish or side to share!**

There will also be the opportunity to try your hand at fishing along the shoreline. If you think you may be interested in fishing, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex; this helps us have an idea of how many poles, etc. to bring. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Live - Classroom and/or Music Help Needed

Wednesday Night Live will kick-off September 2, and we could use some additional support in the classrooms and/or with music. Our numbers have grown, and we are hoping to enroll even more new families this fall. If you are willing to help weekly, once a month, or just intermittently, we would love to have you!

If you are musically inclined and would like to help in that area, in the classrooms, or during volunteer opportunities, we can use your support. If you have questions as to what the expectations and or time commitment are for any of these opportunities, please contact Wendy Long at wednlong75@yahoo.com.

The Psalmist says: "O Come, Let us SING unto the Lord!"

Memorial Choir resumes rehearsals September 1 and we would love to welcome you into our family of singers. Meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:45 pm in our sanctuary, we gather to prepare hymns, liturgy, and songs to enhance our worship. If you ever thought of joining us, now is the time. We have an exciting year planned with new anthems, an outreach visit to local retirement communities, and the traditional Christmas Vespers to prepare for. Please come September 1st and give us a try. For more information contact Lois Theesfield at loistfield@gmail.com.

70th Wedding Anniversary - Ken & Marilyn Meeks

Ken & Marilyn Meeks are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this Wednesday, August 26!
Cards may be sent to:

Ken & Marilyn Meeks
Indian Creek Independent Assisted Living
98 South 6th Street, Apt 7
Nevada, IA 50201

Do you enjoy planning fun events and activities? Join the Fellowship & Outreach Team!

Memorial's Fellowship & Outreach Team is seeking additional volunteers to help organize fun events like Trunk-or-Treat, Christmas in July, BINGO & Nachos, and more. We meet once every other month; contact Emily Dalthorp or the main office if you're interested!

Wiggly Worship - 10:45 am, first Sunday of the month

We're trying something new for infants - preschool aged kids and their grown-ups at Memorial. Come join Pastor Kathleen and members of the Faith Formation team in a simple and short wiggly time of worship. Lasting about twenty minutes, our time together will feature interactive songs for little ones, simple prayers, and age appropriate Bible stories. Come at 10:30 am for fellowship time and then at 10:45 we'll transition to the chapel. Grown-ups are asked to please remain with their little ones during wiggly worship. A simple craft or coloring activity will be provided for older siblings to do during this time. Please see below for the dates!

Sunday, August 2 Sunday, October 4
Sunday, September 6 Sunday, November 1

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!**

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.





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Discover fun, interactive
activities that help your family
grow in faith and life together.

Simple, meaningful ideas
for everyday moments that
make faith come alive!



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