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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” - arr. Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Day of Pentecost is here:
the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The Day of Pentecost is here:
the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

The Day of Pentecost is here:
the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The Day of Pentecost is here:
let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

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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.

Gathering Song: “Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396

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: Numbers 11:24-30

Lector: Jody Melcher

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad

and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!”²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “*A Child’s Prayer*” - Janice Kapp Perry
Vocal Duet: Carol Vincent and Dave Lekwa

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Lector: Jody Melcher

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

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

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

¹⁷“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.

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

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

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Blessing of High School Seniors and Parents

Bridget Cahill
Ella Check
Paige Handsaker
Carson Rhodes
Elizabeth Ritland
Libby Seyller

Hymn of the Day: "Borning Cry" ELW #732

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 power of 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 Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Borning Cry"* - David Christiansen
Lois Theesfield, organ

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

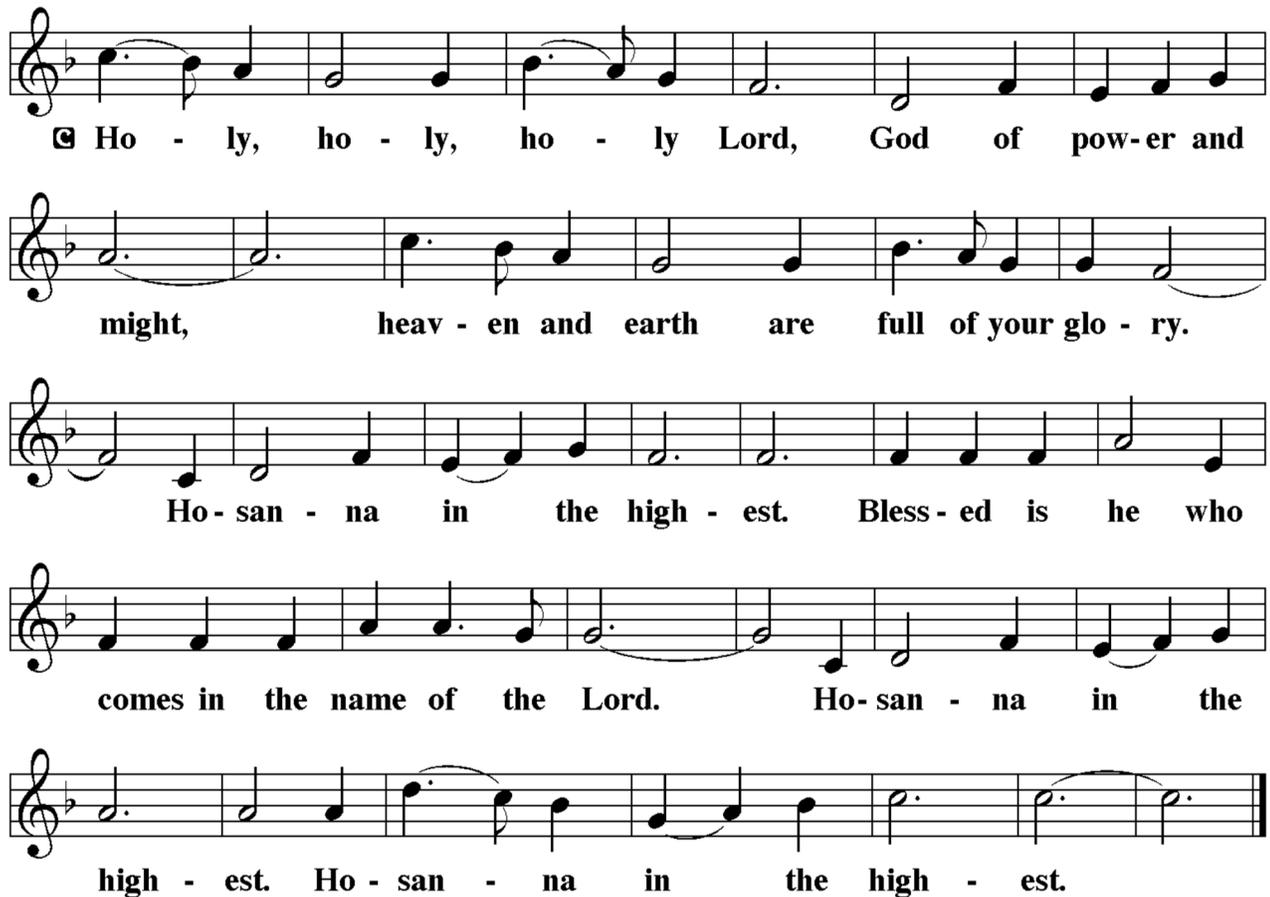
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right... ..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

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 and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 5

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" ELW #398

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" ELW #401

Lamb of God



☞ 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

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW #400

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Hymntune: "*Cwm Rhondda*" - arr. Paul Manz
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 the family and friends of +Georgiann Grant following her death

Prayers for the family and friends of +David Blumer following his death

*Prayers for Sandy Golden and Bev Sorem and their families
following the death of their mother, Evelyn Winterboer*

Prayers for Donna See and family following the death of her husband, Bill See.

Prayers for Betty Runge and family following the death of her husband, Leo Runge

Prayers for Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing

Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke

Jenny Adelmund	Annette Dalthorp	Michael Neal
Jan Seibel	Ellie Lynch	Jami Tharp
Lily Miller	Ernie Ruhde	Fred Samuelson
Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Sierra Parr	Larry Christian
Marsha Kane	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Janet Jacques	Sheila Collingwood
Marlene Waddell	Easton Farrington	<i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	Janice Hartz	Judy Coverdale
Sandy Muesburger	Connie Krupp	Family and friends of +James Stephens
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	Randy Matthews	George Forsyth
John Bass	Jackie Byers	Janeen Driscoll
<i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Lynn Harris
Carol Vincent	Donna See	Julie Sutherland
Cassie Harrell	Katie Brockmeier	Jan Cook
Jean Smith	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	
	Norma Danna	
	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	

Announcements

An Invitation to Learn About Mental Health Services and Supports in Story County

Did you know that 1 in 4 adults will have a diagnosable mental illness in their lifetime? This year so far in Story County, 13% of adults surveyed reported 14 or more days a month where they rated their mental health as poor. In the 2021 Iowa Youth Survey, 40% of 11th graders in Story County said “yes” to the question of feeling sad or hopeless for 2 weeks or more in a row and 32% said they had thought about killing themselves. We are experiencing very difficult times for adults and children and reports of depression and anxiety are commonplace. We all need to know what to do when we or those we care about are struggling with feelings that are overwhelming and we have many supports and services in Story County that can assist.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday, June 11th when Kathy Johnson and Nikki Sprecher, Service Coordinators in the Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) Story County office, talk to us about what specific crisis services and ongoing treatments are available and how to navigate what can be a very confusing system.

“Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness” Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 5 through 5th grade, get ready for a monumental adventure at vacation Bible school this summer at St. Patrick’s! We’ll have creative games, super-fun snacks, incredible music, amazing experiments, and of course, surprising adventures! Registration forms will be available in Memorial’s Narthex, or you may call our church office.



This is also a great volunteer opportunity for older kids and adults! Please let the office know if you would like to help out.

What: “Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness” Vacation Bible School

Who: Ages 5 - 5th grade

When: July 9th - 12th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly News

Our 2023 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly gathered via Zoom on Monday, May 15, and Tuesday, May 16. A summary, video highlights, and reports will be available on the assembly webpage soon. Right now, you can find the Bishop's written report, recordings of the sessions, and assembly materials at seiasynod.org/assembly

You’re Invited: Thursday Morning Bible Study in Chapel

You’re invited to join Pr. Kathleen in reading the upcoming weekend texts together every Thursday morning from 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel. All are welcome to stop in!

Camping with Memorial September 23rd - 24th

Planning for our annual camping outing at Hickory Grove is in the works! It's not too early to reserve your spot for the weekend of September 23/24: **please note that if you intend to stay the night, you must secure your own campsite by contacting the campground.** Stay tuned for more details for this fun weekend!

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.



Save the Date

Camping Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 31st, 5:30pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, June 1st, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)

When: Thursday, June 1st, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

CICS Mental Health Forum

When: Sunday, June 11th, 10:15am

Where: Fellowship Hall

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