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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

Mike Coverdale, guitar; Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

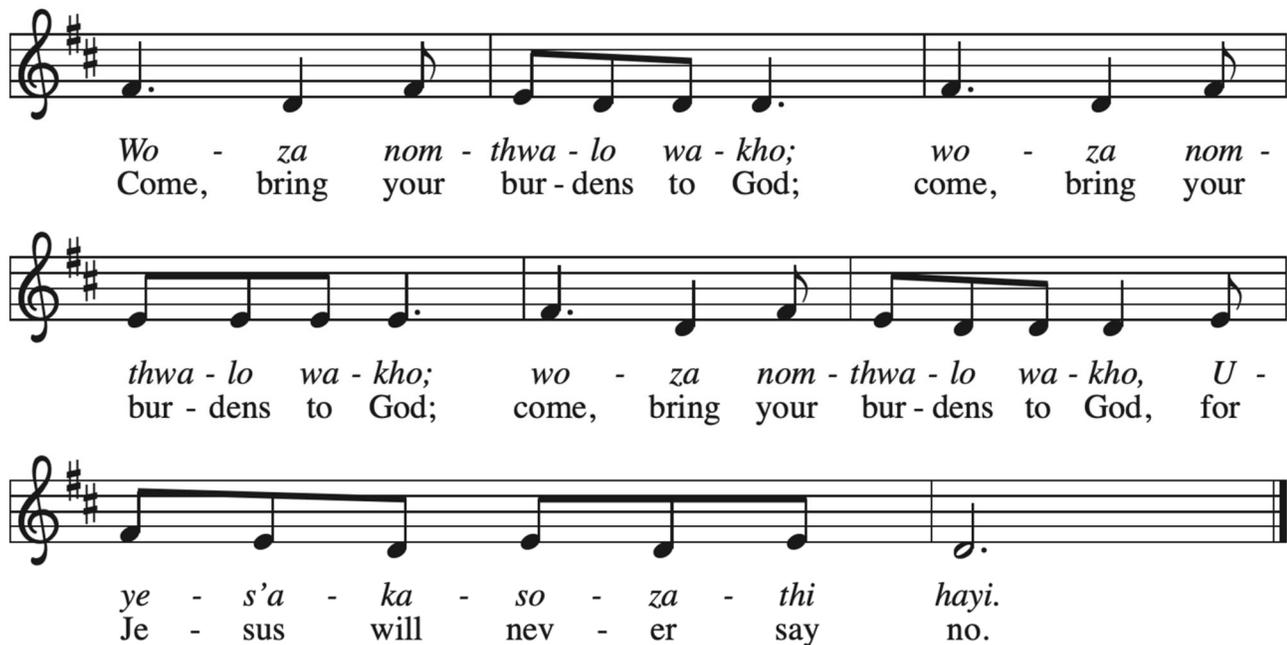
Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.
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.

Gathering Song: "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" ACS #1009



Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; Come, bring your bur - dens to God; wo - za nom - come, bring your thwa - lo wa - kho; bur - dens to God; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U - come, bring your bur - dens to God, for ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi. Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Text: South African; English text Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick
Music: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigabi
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Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Lector: Larry Parker

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" - Lanny Wolfe
Mike Coverdale, guitar; Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Lector: Larry Parker

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” - Peter Scholtes

All sing, led by Mike Coverdale, guitar; Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

**1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**2) We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**3) We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**4) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love**

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: *"In This Very Room"* - Ron and Carol Harris
Mike Coverdale, guitar; Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

Hymns during Communion

"To Commune With You" - Patsy Hilton Kline
- Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW #608

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
+ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"* ELW #697

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Hallelujah"* - Leonard Cohen

Mike Coverdale, guitar; Ed Osenbaugh, guitar

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 +Tina Palmisano following her death
(sister-in-law of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch)*

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

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

Announcements

Bishops Riding Across Iowa to Raise \$50k to Fight Hunger

Iowa's three ELCA bishops will be riding the 50th Annual RAGBRAI, riding 50+ miles together each day, celebrating and highlighting 50+ anti-hunger ministries in our three synods, and raising \$50K for ELCA World Hunger.

Celebrate being Iowa ELCA Lutherans with teamwork and fellowship across our state. Our bishops are peddling for a cause, so join them in raising money to fight hunger here in Iowa and throughout the world.



Make a donation at seiasynod.org/ragbrai - 100% of your donation goes directly to hunger without any administrative fees!

“Blast Back to School”—School Supplies Needed!

Did you know that on average, families spend over \$100 per child to purchase necessary school supplies? For many families this is just not possible on limited budgets. Story County's Blast Back to School Event aims to relieve the burden of back to school expenses for local families of K–12 students through the donation of supplies and backpacks. You can help by bringing supplies (see the list below) to Memorial this summer, which will then be distributed to schools. Please leave the supplies outside the front office—thank you for your help!

Supplies most needed are:

- Headphones
- Earbuds
- #2 Pencils
- Pens (Black, Blue, and Red)
- Highlighters
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Pouches
- Box of 10 Broad Line Markers
- 24-pack Colored Pencils
- 24-pack Crayola Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic (no paper please) Pocket Folders
- 1-inch Binders
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- College-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Backpacks

We want your project to succeed! Apply today for a grant from the Ministry Endowment Fund.

We are now accepting applications for 2023 grants from our Mission Endowment Fund! We are interested in supporting creative and innovative projects to serve the community and world. Following the example of Jesus of Nazareth, we have a bias for projects that serve the overlooked and the neglected. We also value:

- small projects, (because they are often seeds of change);
- projects that are built on collaboration with others;
- projects that draw diverse people together;
- and projects that evoke simplicity and self-giving generosity.

Applications are due **Friday, August 4, 2023, at 12 Noon (CDT)**. For more information and to apply, see the details and application here: bit.ly/3Cm6v8M There are also applications available in the Narthex.

***“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

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

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Who: Ages 5 - 5th grade

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

Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, July 13th, 8:30—9:30 am

Where: MLC Chapel

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)

When: Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30 pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

Camping with Memorial

Please note that if you intend to spend the night, you must reserve your own campsite by contacting the campground.

When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove

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