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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: “*God is Here*” - arr. Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
+ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us come before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**
**We are overwhelmed
by the world’s violence and suffering.**
**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**
**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**
**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**
**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**
**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God’s compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **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 Hymn: "God is Here" ELW #526

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Lector: Jim Stage

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-4

Memorial Choir sings verses; All sing refrain

Refrain



1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to God and praise the Name.
2. Proclaim God's salvation day by day, tell of God's glory among the nations,
And God's marvels to all the people. **Refrain**
3. The Lord is great and worthy of all praise, to be feared more than all gods;
All other gods are merely idols.
4. For the Lord made the heavens! Oh, the splendor and majesty of God's presence!
Oh, the power and beauty of God's temple. **Refrain**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector: Jim Stage

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved
by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in
word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know
what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators
of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by
the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and
Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to
speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and
to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us
from the wrath that is coming.

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: Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *“Take My Life that I May Be”* ELW #685

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 Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: *“Come Before the Table”* - Karen Marroli
Memorial Choir; Sarah Miller, soloist; Christine Heintz, drum

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
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

Jesus invites you to this table.
 Come, eat and live.

Hymn during Communion

"Lamb of God" WOV Setting 5
 "Rock of Ages" ELW #623



☩ 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

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of glory,
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "God of Grace, and God of Glory" ELW #705

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Te Deum" - Marc Charpentier

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.

*Please keep Connie Krupp and family in your prayers
following the death of her husband, +Larry Krupp*

*Please keep Nancy Christian and family in your prayers
following the death of her husband, +Larry Christian*

*Please keep Norma Jean Smith and family in your prayers
following the death of her son, +Darrel Smith*

*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

Mike Neal	John Bass	Norma Dannan
Ron Parker	son-in-law of Ron & Gloria	friend of Betty Runge
brother of Larry Parker	Jacobson	Jami Tharp
Helen Johnson	Carol Vincent	Fred Samuelson
Wayne Kinyon	Cassie Harrell	Jaylee Bartleson
Kathy Lynn Johnson	Jean Smith	Sheila Collingwood
Christina King	Annette Dalthorp	mother of Lyndsey
Sherry Kluever	Ellie Lynch	De Vos
Dick Settle	Ernie Ruhde	Judy Coverdale
Kim Elliott	Sierra Parr	George Forsyth
Marsha Kane	cousin of Kim Stieler	Janeen Driscoll
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Janet Jacques	Lynn Harris
Marlene Waddell	Easton Farrington	Julie Sutherland
friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch	Janice Hartz	Jan Cook
Sandy Muesburger	Jackie Byers	
friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch	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.*

Announcements

Community Trunk-or-Treat at Memorial

Trunk-or-Treat returns! Bring your family and friends to Memorial's parking lot Saturday, October 28 between 5:00 and 6:00pm for trick-or-treating around decorated vehicles. Walking tacos will be available with free-will donations benefitting Nevada's Good Samaritan Fund. There will also be a "Best Decorated Trunk" contest with a prize for the winner! Want to bring your decorated vehicle and hand out candy? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3L8eoDH> use the QR code, or contact the church office.



All Saints Sunday November 5

We have records of the names of Memorial members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. Their names will be read during a special time of prayer on All Saints Sunday. We are mindful that many of you may have lost others who are dear to you in this past year. If you would like for their name to be read, please email the church office at emily@mlcnevada.org.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nevada Parks and Recreation's annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 21 at Memorial at 11:30 AM. Free-will donations will be accepted. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 515-382-4352.

If you would like to donate toward the preparation of the meal, monetary donations are being accepted until Monday, November 13, and can be brought to Memorial's office. Thank you!

New September Photos on mlcnevada.org!

If you haven't visited mlcnevada.org lately, be sure to take a look: our calendar has been revamped and updated, and will continue to be updated as new events and meetings are planned, so please check back often to keep up-to-date with Memorial happenings and announcements. In addition, a new "Review in Photos" page under the "About" drop-down in the top menu has been created with many recent photos from events, ministries, and more across our congregation. This page will be updated each month with new photos. We give a *huge* thank you to Steve Jungst for all of his work in updating and creating these pages and for taking photos!

Attention Youth and Families: Join us at *Wednesday Night Live!*#

Calling kids and youth of all ages of Memorial Lutheran! **You're invited!** This year we are starting something new... We want to invite you to bring a friend and join us for *Wednesday Night Live!* Come and engage with God, Scripture, and other young people each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM. To sign up, grab a registration form at church or you can fill out the online form here: <https://bit.ly/459i0xu> or by visiting mlcnevada.org.

Can't wait to see you at Wednesday Night Live!

A Special Note Regarding Tithe.ly Fees#

We so appreciate all that give using the online/mobile giving platform Tithe.ly! If you haven't already, please consider including Tithe.ly processing fees as part of your one-time and recurring gifts. To do this, simply check the "Cover Fees" box when setting up your gift. If you have already set up a recurring gift and would like to start including the fees, you'll need to delete this gift and set it up again with "Cover Fees" checked.

Important Reminder Regarding Giving to Special Projects

We so appreciate gifts received for special projects such as "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" (heating and cooling) and "Drive for the Drive" (pavement). If you would like to support these projects, please make sure to specify the project name with your gift. This ensures that your gift goes directly to the project and helps us keep an accurate record of funds received / still needed. Thank you for your support!



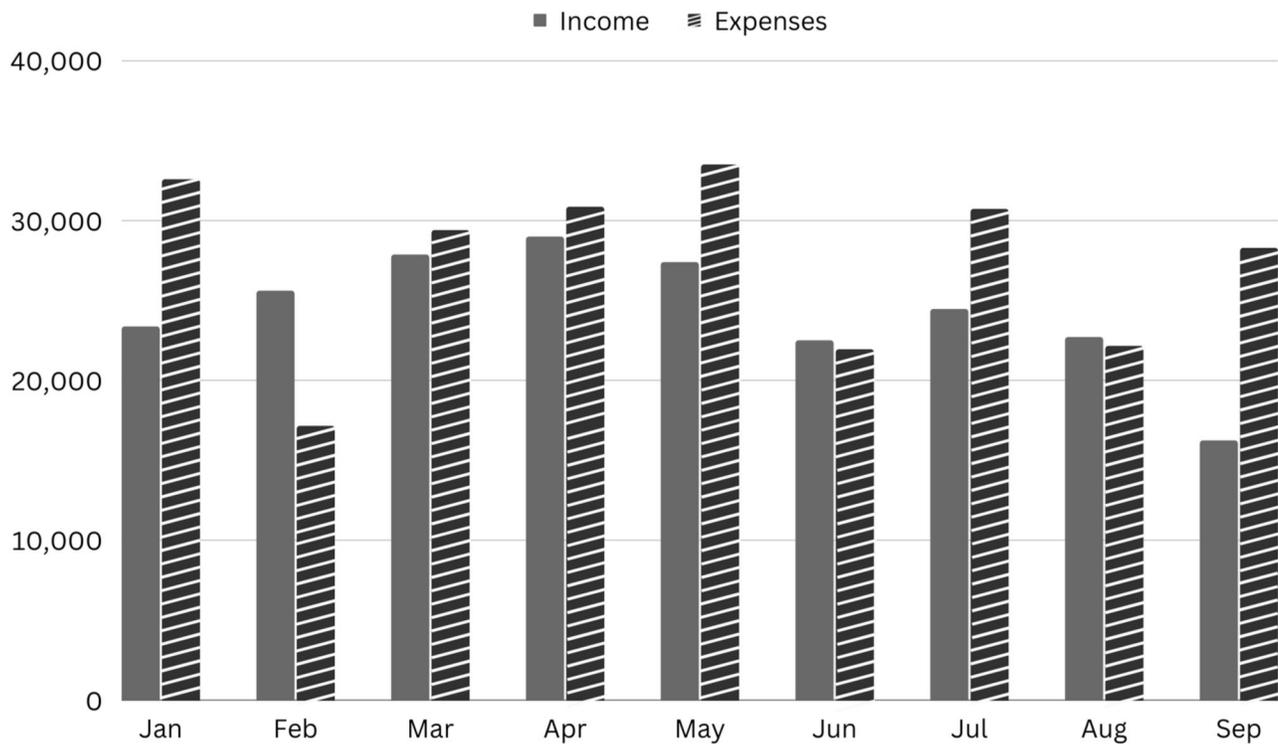
General Fund 2023

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of September 30, 2023

Income: \$219,072

Expenses: \$246,680

Current Deficit: (\$27,608)



Save the Date

Wednesday Night Live

When: Wednesday, October 25, 6:30—7:30pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, October 26, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

Community Trunk-or-Treat at Memorial

When: Saturday, October 28

Rite of Confirmation

When: Sunday, October 29 during 9:00 worship

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month) - Note the new location!

When: Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm

Where: Cubbies on Main

Ministry Endowment Fund Reception

When: Thursday, November 9

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