

# All Saints Sunday

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”* - arr. Rebecca Bonam  
*Caleb Polashek, violin*

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God’s children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through + Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“For All the Saints”* ELW #422, verses 1,2,6,7

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

*Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

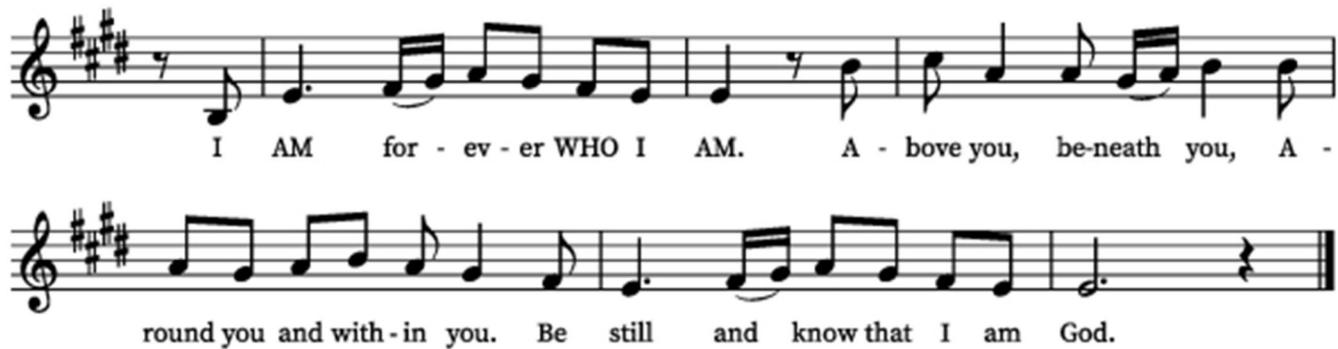
<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** "I Am Forever Who I Am" - Kurt Von Kampen  
Memorial Choir; **All sing refrain and verses 5 and 6**

**REFRAIN**



I AM for - ev - er WHO I AM. A - bove you, be-neath you, A -  
round you and with - in you. Be still and know that I am God.

Choir

1. Though mountains slide into the sea, And waters rush where fields should be,  
Though monuments and nations fall, Your holy city stands through all.  
When nothing seems to stay the same, You teach us your eternal name. **REFRAIN**

Choir

2. We buy and sell, we lose or gain; Our fortunes shift like sun and rain.  
Sustain our lives, reward our toil With bread and honey, wine and oil.  
Save us and others from our greed; You always give us what we need. **REFRAIN**

Choir

3. Our lust for power, wealth, and land, Diminishes the earth you planned.  
Prevent our crimes and futile wars; Convince us that all things are yours.  
We rage and burn, and kill and steal, But you redeem, restore, and heal. **REFRAIN**

Choir

4. Like shepherds watching for the light, Aware of dangers in the night,  
We hear the angel: "Do not fear, The Savior of the world is near."  
We run, we see, we touch, we laugh. You came to earth on our behalf. (Choir sings refrain)

**ALL SING:**

5. **Each generation looks for truth, And doubt can trouble age or youth.  
If other gods would take your place, Remember us with love and grace.  
Reclaim us if we go astray; You are the Truth, the Life, the Way. REFRAIN**

**ALL SING:**

6. **Some days seem long, though life is brief, And death is waiting like a thief.  
When vision fades and dreams go dry, We will on unseen things rely.  
Our stories take up but a page, But yours goes on from age to age. REFRAIN**

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 5:1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew

#### Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice in God's Saints" ELW #418**

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **All Saints' Commemoration and Prayers**

P In the new Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon

**C for the glory of God will be its light.**

P Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation,

**C and they worship God night and day.**

P Surely he is coming soon.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Listen to and remember the words of the book of Revelation:

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. (Revelation 7:13-14, 17)

P We give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we remember those dear to us who have died:

+Paul Ackerman  
+Don Blank  
+Dave Blumer  
+Larry Christian  
+Rev. Rick Dagit  
+Wade Jonathan Farthing  
+Tom Fjare  
+Georgiann Grant  
+Craig Handsaker  
+Chuck Harrell  
+Rev. John Herzog  
+Larry Krupp  
+Nile Lanning  
+Galen Lough  
+Randy Mathews  
+Karen E Nelson  
+Tina Palmisano  
+Ronald Parker  
+Mary Kay Polashek  
+Leo Runge  
+Bill See  
+Sarah Shonrock  
+Darrell Smith  
+Doug Starbuck  
+Evelyn Winterboer  
+Christina Yeo

**Music Voluntary:** *“In the Peace of God Find Rest”* - Thomas Pavlechko  
Memorial Choir

*“In the peace of God find rest. In the pow’r of God find strength.  
In the love of God find grace. In God’s peace find rest.”*

P Rest eternal grant them, O Lord.  
C **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Peace**

P Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, may the peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *“The Journey”* - Joseph Martin  
Memorial Choir with Caleb Polashek, violin

**Offering Prayer**

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**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.  
By the witness of your saints  
you show us the hope of our calling  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all 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**

Christ spreads a table before you.  
 Gather here with all the saints.

**Hymn during Communion**

"Lamb of God" WOV Setting 5  
 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" ELW #628

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

Lord Jesus,  
 in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
 Sustain us on the journey,  
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
 and give us glad and generous hearts  
 as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Blessing

May the God of all creation,  
 in whose image we are made,  
 who claims us and calls us beloved,  
 who strengthens us for service,  
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
 The blessing of God,  
 Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
 be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423

#### Dismissal

Beloved of God,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Salut d'Amour" - Edward Elgar  
 Caleb Polashek, violin

## 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.

*Please keep Karen Blank and family in your prayers following the death of Karen's husband, +Don Blank*

*Please keep Larry & Deb Parker and family in your prayers following the death of Larry's brother, +Ron Parker*

*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*

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

## Council Nominees in Time of Discernment

Please pray for our Council nominees who are discerning their call to Church Council for 2024-2026. A quick reminder for those who have been nominated: **please submit your Response to Nomination form to the office by Friday, November 17**. We will elect new Council members during worship on Sunday, November 19.

## TODAY: Spending Plan Forum

As the Finance Team finalizes Memorial's General Fund Spending Plan (budget) for 2024, we will be holding two Spending Plan Forums: November 5 in Fellowship Hall and November 12 in the Lounge following worship. This is your opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Spending Plan and to ask any questions you may have.

## Angel Tree

Visit the Angel Tree in the Narthex to make Christmas extra special for a child in need! Simply choose an angel from the tree, fill in your information on the sheet, have fun shopping!, and return your items to the NCRC by November 27 (please do not wrap your gifts).

## 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!

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

Calling kids and youth of all ages of Memorial Lutheran! 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](http://mlcnevada.org).

## 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!

## Online Giving with Tithe.ly

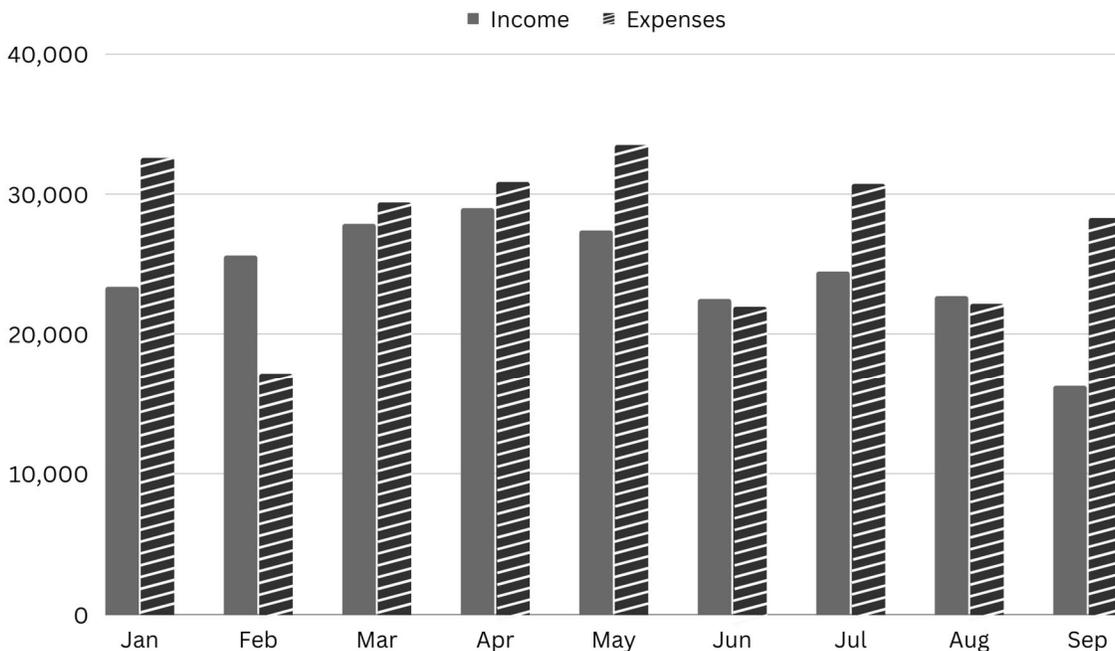
Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code. ***Did you know? In Tithe.ly, you can select to give to the General Fund, A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place (heating and cooling project), or the Drive for the Drive pavement project!***



### 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*

### **TODAY: Spending Plan Forum**

When: Sunday, November 5 following worship

Where: Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, November 8, 6:30—7:30pm

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

When: Thursday, November 9, 8:30—9:30 am

Where: MLC Chapel

### **Ministry Endowment Fund Reception**

When: Thursday, November 9

### **Spending Plan Forum**

When: Sunday, November 12 following worship

Where: Lounge

### **Sanctuary Decorating for Advent and Christmas**

When: Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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