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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

## Prelude

*Emily Dalthorp, piano*

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☐ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
 to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
 lone are the MostHigh, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
 A - men, a - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



A musical score for the Alleluia acclamation. It consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the first staff, and "Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the second staff.



A musical score for the final part of the Alleluia acclamation. It consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life." are written below the first staff, and "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the second staff.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

<sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661**

### 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

*Emily Dalthrop, piano*

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "Arise, Your Light has Come!" ELW #314**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Emily Dalthorp, piano*

## 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 the family of +Bob Klopping in your prayers following his death*

*Please keep the family of +Ernie Ruhde in your prayers following his death*

*Please keep the family of +Dick Settle in your prayers following his death*

*Please keep the family of +Connie Krupp in your prayers  
following her death*

*Please keep the family of +Lynn Harris in your prayers  
following his death*

*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*

Kati Stieler <i>sister-in-law of Dan Stieler</i>	Sandy Muesburger <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Donna See
Johann Thiel	John Bass <i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria</i>	Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Paul Johnson	Jacobson	Jami Tharp
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Kathy Lynn Johnson	Jean Smith	Sheila Collingwood <i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
Christina King	Ellie Lynch	Judy Coverdale
Sherry Kluever	Sierra Parr <i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	George Forsyth
Kim Elliott	Janet Jacques	Janeen Driscoll
Marsha Kane	Easton Farrington	Julie Sutherland
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Janice Hartz	Jan Cook
Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Jackie Byers <i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	

**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

### Save the Date: Community BINGO & Nachos Night February 4

Join us for BINGO and nachos from 5:30—7:00 PM on Sunday, February 4. This is a fun event for Memorial and the community (all ages, kids and adults welcome!), so please invite your friends! Free-will donations will go to the Good Samaritan Fund. Please note that children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Lastly, we need prizes for our BINGO winners! We're looking for items with a value of around \$5 (or less) for a variety of ages. If you would like to donate a prize or two (or more!), please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

### Donations Needed for Crisis in Middle East

A word from our wider church body: *“Due to escalating conflict in Gaza and Israel, a severe humanitarian crisis is rapidly unfolding in the Holy Land. The ELCA has a longstanding relationship with partners in the region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Augusta Victoria Hospital. Lutheran Disaster Response has a history of providing support for our partners and will be prepared to answer calls for assistance when the time comes.”*

*“Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.”*

Please go here to donate: <https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>

### 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!**



### *Save the Date*

#### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, January 24, 6:30—7:30 PM

#### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, January 31, 6:30—7:30 PM

#### **Beer & Theology**

When: Thursday, February 1, 6:30 PM (first Thursday of every month)

Where: Cubbies on Main

#### **Community BINGO and Nachos Night**

When: Sunday, February 4, 5:30—7:00 PM

Where: MLC Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, February 7, 6:30—7:30 PM

#### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, February 14, 6:30—7:30 PM

#### **Wednesday Night Live**

When: Wednesday, February 21, 6:30—7:30 PM

#### **Snow Tubing with Memorial**

When: Friday, February 23

Where: Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone

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