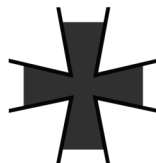


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *“Celebrate with Joy”* - Joel Raney

*Memorial Handbells*

## Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:** *“Love Divine all Loves Excelling”* ELW #631

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another**

**and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**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 - mighty 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 Most High, 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, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 - 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 50:1-6

*All speak together*

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,  
for it is God who is judge.

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day: "How Good Lord to be Here" ELW #315

## **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:** *"Contemplation on Beautiful Savior"* - Matthew Compton  
*Memorial Handbells*

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**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.**

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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

## 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

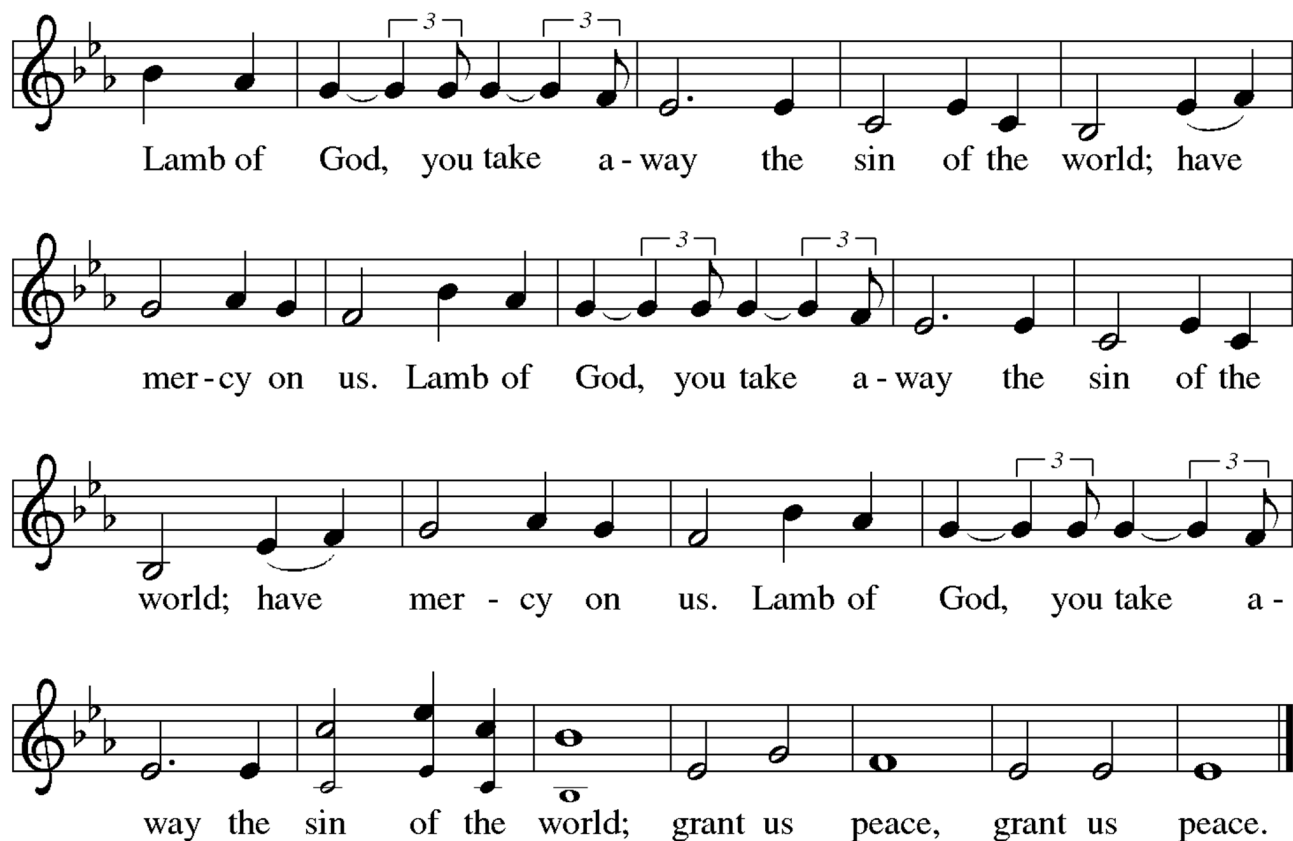
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Communion Hymns

*"Lamb of God"* - ELW Setting 6

*"Beautiful Savior"* - ELW #838

### 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**

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
+ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: "Alleluia Song of Gladness" ELW #318**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* - Michael Burkhardt  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## 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*

Troy Vincent  
Kati Stieler  
*sister-in-law of Dan Stieler*

Johann Thiel

Paul Johnson

Mike Neal

Kathy Lynn Johnson

Christina King

Sherry Kluever

Kim Elliott

Marsha Kane

Pr. Marcia Kisner

Marlene Waddell  
*friend of Virginia Palmisano-  
Goettsch*

Sandy Muesburger  
*friend of Virginia Palmisano-  
Goettsch*

John Bass  
*son-in-law of Ron & Gloria  
Jacobson*

Carol Vincent

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Ellie Lynch

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers  
*daughter of Shellie Black*

Donna See

Norma Dannan  
*friend of Betty Runge*

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Jaylee Bartleson

Sheila Collingwood  
*mother of Lyndsey  
De Vos*

Judy Coverdale

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

**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**

### **Ash Wednesday and Mid-week Lenten Services**

As we prepare to enter the time of Lent, our Ash Wednesday service will be held this Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM, with a light supper beforehand at 6:00 PM. Mid-week Lenten services with a light supper beforehand will then continue to be held each Wednesday of Lent.

### **Save the date: Annual Meeting of the Congregation February 25**

Mark your calendar and plan to be in worship to hear an update of the mission, ministry, and goals at Memorial. After the service we will be taking a group photo before celebrating God's mission together with treats in Fellowship Hall.

### **Thank you, Community BINGO & Nachos participants!**

Our Community BINGO & Nachos event on February 4 was a full house! Thank you to all those who spent time together enjoying tasty nachos and fast-paced BINGO, and a special thank you to everyone who helped serve food, brought BINGO prizes, and donated to the Good Samaritan Fund. Our total donation to the Good Samaritan Fund was \$735! Thank you so much!

### **Calling all Prayer Warriors**

Memorial is developing a Prayer Team and is looking for individuals that would like to commit to praying for prayer requests as they arise. Prayer requests will be shared with the group primarily through email. If you would be interested in serving in this way please contact Pastor Kathleen.

### **Have you designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars? A special message from Jim Pappas of Memorial's Thrivent Choice Committee:**

*"Hey Memorial, just a reminder: if you haven't already designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars, the deadline of **March 31, 2024** is fast approaching. Also, we are looking for new committee members! Please see me if you would like more details. Thank you for your consideration!"*

### **Following the way of Jesus: A Lenten Holy Land journey | Sumud**

Join us on Sundays during Lent for weekly videos featuring reflections from Palestinian pastors and leaders on the theology of Sumud and its connections to the way of Jesus as a way of justice for all people of the Holy Land. You are invited to explore the Holy Land virtually with us after Sunday worship services in the coming weeks. You can view a

promotional trailer for the series by using the QR code or by going to the link listed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YssbcGD1cU4>



## **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*

### **Ash Wednesday Service & Supper**

When: Wednesday, February 14, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper**

When: Wednesday, February 21, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

### **CANCELLED: Snow Tubing with Memorial**

When: Friday, February 23

Where: Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper**

When: Wednesday, February 28, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

### **Ice Skating with Memorial**

When: Sunday, March 3, 2:00—4:00 PM **(date and time are tentative)**

Where: Ames/ISU Ice Arena

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper**

When: Wednesday, March 6, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper**

When: Wednesday, March 13, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship & Supper**

When: Wednesday, March 20, supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 7:00 PM

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