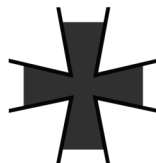


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Grave and Adagio” from “Sonata in G minor” - Eccles*
Gretchen Theesfield, violin

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *“My Song is Love Unknown”* ELW #343, verses 1-4

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never tires of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. 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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Anthem: *"Lamb"* - Richard Donn
Memorial Choir with Pr. Kathleen Lotz, cello

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little

children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "A New Commandment" - WOV #664

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis - ci-ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

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.

THE MEAL

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"* - Richard Donn
Memorial Choir with Gretchen Theesfield, violin

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.
Amen.

Holy Communion Celebration - Izzy Groomes, Zoey Groomes, Blake Samson,
Nash Samson, Evie Sorem

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.

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

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Hymns during Communion

"Bread of Life from Heaven" ELW #474

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act" ELW #360

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Congregational Hymn: “Stay With Me” ELW #348

All sing together 3 times

Stripping of the Altar

Reading of Psalm 22 by Dario Zaffarano

*All depart in silence as they feel ready. Join us as worship continues tomorrow evening
at 7pm for our Good Friday worship service.*

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 Julie and Brad Samson and their family in prayer
following the death of Brad's father*

Please keep the family of +Brett Anderson in your prayers following his death

*Prayers for Bonnie Storey and her daughters Mindy Farmer, Amanda DeMoss, and Tina Skei
following the death of her brother, +Doug Harrison*

*Please keep Linda Mjelde and family in your prayers
following the death of her husband, +Gregg Mjelde*

*Please keep Lyndsey DeVos and family in your prayers
following the death of her mother, +Sheila Collingwood*

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

Katie Bass
niece of Judy Coverdale

Kathy Bergmann

Wayne Johnson

Steve Halverson

Troy Vincent

Kati Stieler
sister-in-law of Dan Stieler

Johann Thiel

Mike Neal

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

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

St. Patrick's "Walk to the Cross"

St. Patrick's is inviting all to join on a walk symbolizing Jesus' walk to the cross. We will walk from Central Presbyterian to St. Patrick's as 12:00 PM on Good Friday, March 29. After arriving at St. Patrick's, we will pray the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Breakfast March 31

Join us for breakfast Easter morning from 7:45—8:45 AM (between the two morning services). We're still looking for volunteers to bring food and to help serve—please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on your way to Fellowship Hall if you can help!

Pizza-Pie-Looza

The Pizza Pie Looza activities committee is switching things up a bit this year. The committee is planning to rent some games and inflatables and is looking for people to run them. The hope is that the churches will help provide volunteers for this and a few other games that are planned for the day. The date is Mother's Day weekend - Saturday, May 11, from 2-5 pm downtown. If you are interested and would like to help please contact Pastor Kathleen. Thank you!

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!"*

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

Memorial Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, April 1, 4:00—7:00 PM

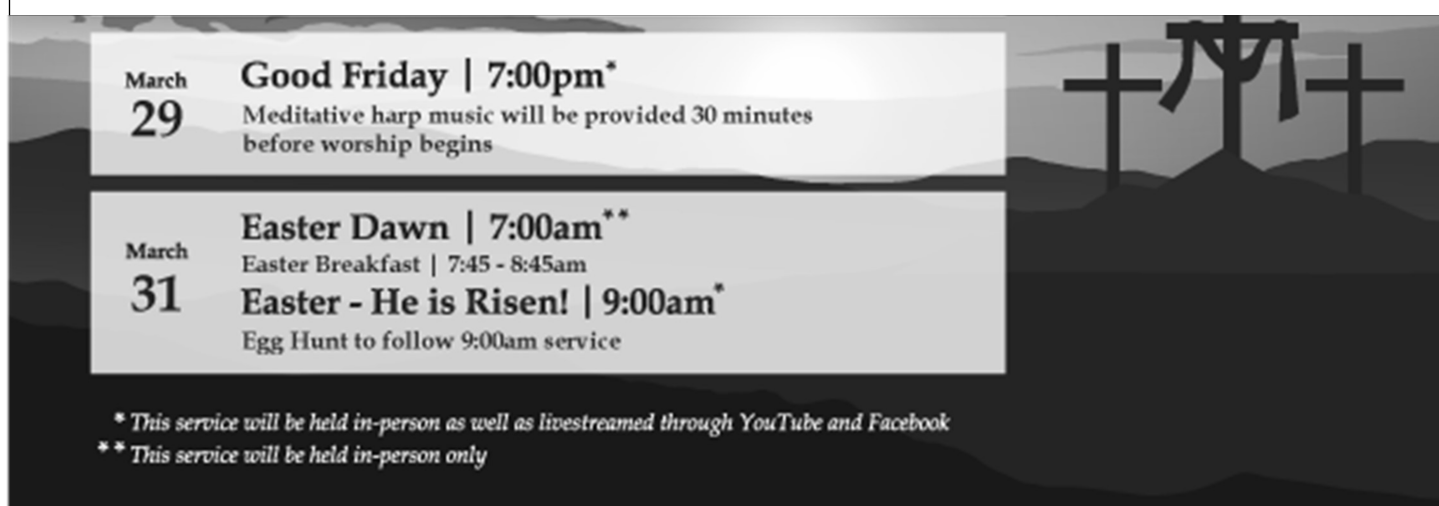
Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

Bowling with Memorial

When: Monday, April 7, 2:00 PM



March 29 **Good Friday | 7:00pm***
Meditative harp music will be provided 30 minutes before worship begins

March 31 **Easter Dawn | 7:00am****
Easter Breakfast | 7:45 - 8:45am
Easter - He is Risen! | 9:00am*
Egg Hunt to follow 9:00am service

** This service will be held in-person as well as livestreamed through YouTube and Facebook*
*** This service will be held in-person only*

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