

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ June 21, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation
to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through +Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lesson *Romans 6:1b-11*

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?
³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we
have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we
will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We
know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body
of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be en-
slaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if
we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with
him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will
never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he
lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves
dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel *Matthew 10:24-39*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the
teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the
disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If
they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how
much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will
not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become
known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and
what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do
not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather
fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not
two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to
the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of

your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are
of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before
others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in
heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also
will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the
earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his
father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-
law;
³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's
own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not
worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more
than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not
take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose
their life for my sake will find it."

Sermon



Order of Service continued

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

Each petition ends with:

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, . Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-Opening Task Force Met June 15. With the recent increase in positive tests in Story County, the task force decided not to move ahead with further re-opening. There was discussion about holding some outdoor activities beginning in mid to late July if it is safe to do so.

Third Quarter Christ In Our Home Available. You can pick up a copy of Christ In Our Home for July through September from the mailbox outside the north entrance. There are both pocket sized and large print for your use.

Ministry Endowment Board Seeks 2020 Grant Applicants. Grant applications are now available. Request an electronic version by emailing Deacon Jodi at memluth@midowa.net or call the office at 382-6509 to pick up a print copy

Memorial Chosen As Part of "Going the Social Distance Tour" in Nevada. Soon you will find a sign on our property as part of a Main Street Nevada walking tour. The sign will have a QR code that offers a short narration of Memorial's history in Nevada.

Giving Options During Online Worship. For those that normally put an envelope, check or cash in the offering plate, you are welcome to mail or drop off your offering. You may also use the Text to Give option. Use your Smart Phone and Credit or Debit Card as way to support the General Fund. The number to text to is: **515-808-5325**
Simply place a dollar sign (\$) and an amount in the body of the text to get started.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

On With Life

Janeen Driscoll

Rolling Green Skilled Care

Doris Andresen

Prayers for Healing

Kathy Lynn Johnson, Sheila Collingwood *Lyndsey DeVos' mother*, Lynn Harris, George Forsyth, Mary Pappas, Darren Kluever, Julie Sutherland, Jim Pappas, Cassie Harrell, Nancy Skaar, Jaylee Bartleson, Jeff Sebring *son-in-law of Ernie and Marlene Ruhde*, Norma Gandrup, Gary Kluever, Linda Horn, Tom Nervig, Glenda Day, Ginny Hausner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman, Jan Cook, Margie Nahnsen

Prayer for the Week

Merciful God, help us to trust that all that we are and all that we hope to be is found in the new life we have found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.