

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ June 28, 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 6:12-23*

¹²So, do not let sin control you in your life here on earth. You must not be ruled by the things your sinful self makes you want to do. ¹³Do not offer the parts of your body to serve sin. Do not use your bodies as things to do evil with, but offer yourselves to God. Be like people who have died and now live. Offer the parts of your body to God to be used for doing good. ¹⁴Sin will not be your master, because you are not under law but under God's grace.

¹⁵So what should we do? Should we sin because we are under grace and not under law? No! ¹⁶Surely you know that when you give yourselves like slaves to obey someone, then you are really slaves of that person. The person you obey is your master. You can follow sin, or obey God. Sin brings spiritual death. But obeying God makes you right with him. ¹⁷In the past you were slaves to sin—sin controlled you. But thank God, you fully obeyed the things that were taught to you. ¹⁸You were made free from sin, and now you are slaves to goodness. ¹⁹I use this example because this is hard for you to understand. In the past you offered the parts of your body to be slaves to sin and evil. You lived only for evil. In the same way now you must give yourselves to be slaves of goodness. Then you will live only for God.

²⁰In the past you were slaves to sin, and goodness did not control you. ²¹You did evil things, and now you are ashamed of them. Those things only bring death. ²²But now you are free from sin and have become slaves of God. This brings you a life that is only for God. And this gives you life forever. ²³The payment for sin is death. But God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel *Matthew 10:40-42*

[[Jesus said to the twelve:]] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Short Mid-Week Devotions Each Wednesday on Facebook. Tune into Facebook on Wednesdays for a short devotion that reinforces the scripture readings from the past week-end. This is designed for all ages with an activity that can be done as a reminder of the story.

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

Larry Christian, Julie Sutherland, Kathy Lynn Johnson. Sheila Collingwood *Lyndsey De Vos' mother*, Lynn Harris, George Forsyth, Mary Pappas, Darren Kluever, 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

Gracious God, your love is so complete that we cannot fully grasp it. Help us to enjoy life in your presence and extend your love, grace, mercy, and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.