

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ July 5, 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 Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your
dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

July Council Meeting This Wednesday. The Council meets on Wednesday for the regular monthly meeting. The agenda includes continuing discussion toward our gradual re-opening and work on the proposed ministry goals.

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.

Good Samaritan Fund Fundraiser. Kim Stieler and Kevin and Kathy Jo Johnson joined others in the community to sponsor a Good Samaritan Fund fundraiser. They had hoped to have the annual BBQ, but plans for that are postponed. Meanwhile, you are invited to make a donation to the Good Samaritan Fund in July through Memorial. Thank you for caring for our neighbors.

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

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

Merciful God, we thank you for giving us rest when we are weary and the invitation to lean on you through Christ our Lord. Amen.