

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ July 19, 2020

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

First Lesson *Isaiah 44:6-8*

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life;

they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of
your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson *Romans*

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the
flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according
to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by

the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you
have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba!
Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact,
we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with
him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are
not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed
to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the
revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was
subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of
the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation it-
self will be set free from its bondage to decay and will
obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been
groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the cre-
ation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for
what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who
sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was
asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the
wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came
up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as
well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said
to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He an-
swered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to
him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But
he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would
uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them
grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will
tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my
barn.' "



³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Sermon

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 Je-
sus.

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

Be Part of Online Fellowship After Worship Each Sunday.

We will use Zoom as a way to connect with each other after worship. The same link will be used each week:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83367838198>

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.

Facebook Poll About Re-Opening. Please visit Memorial's Facebook page and take part in a poll around re-opening for in-person worship. The poll will close in a little less than two weeks. Your input is important.

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

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

On With Life

Janeen Driscoll

Rolling Green Skilled Care

Doris Andresen

Prayers for Healing

Betty Runge, 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

Dear God, may the hope you have given us take away our fear and strengthen us for each new day in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.