

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ August 16, 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 56:1, 6-8*

¹Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations on earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Lesson *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of
Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has
not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevoca-
ble. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but
have now received mercy because of their disobedi-
ence, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that,
by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive
mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so
that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel *Matthew 15-21-28*

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of
Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from
that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy
on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by
a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his
disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away,
for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But
she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help
me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's
food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord,
yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their
masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman,
great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 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

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>

Call Committee Update. The Call Committee is scheduled to conduct a first interview with our pastor candidate this Sunday, August 17. Stay tuned for continued updates as the process unfolds.

Food at First Coordinator(s) Needed. Phyllis Fevold and Heidi Merfeld are stepping down. We thank them for their service. A new coordinator or team is needed beginning in September. Contact Deacon Jodi if you are interested.

Fall Faith Formation Mailings Delayed Due to Storms. You will receive two mailings from Memorial *this week*. The first is a catalog for the variety of Faith Formation options for all ages this fall. Please keep in mind that adjustments may need to be made as we continue to live on "Virus Time." Please make note of the back page that serves as a registration page and a sign up for serving in a faith formation role.

Make a Pilgrimage to Memorial. Have you been missing the Sanctuary? Would you like to bless your backpack before school starts? You can make a reservation to take a self-guided pilgrim journey through the sanctuary. Spend some time in prayer, hear and reflect on God's word and bless one another for the days ahead. There is an online sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EA20-make>
You can also call the church office to reserve your pilgrimage time slot.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

Park Center, Newton

Janeen Driscoll

For Those in Hospice

Mary Moore, home hospice care

Prayers for Healing

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

Prayer for the Week

God of the nations, we thank you for your mercy and grace that is meant not only for those we know and love, but for all people through Christ 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.