

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ September 6, 2020

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson *Romans 13:8-14*

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Refrain

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,

because your judgments are good.
⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Refrain

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-28*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Mothering God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth
and life.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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>

Food at First Coordinator(s) Needed. Memorial has prepared and served the meal the third Thursday of each month since Food at First Nevada started. At this time we are in need of a new coordinator/lead cook and also willing helpers. The meal is currently packaged for pick up and Barb Mittman does the meal planning. Willing hands are needed to do the cooking and packaging each month. Please contact Deacon Jodi if you are interested.

Book of Faith Begins Sunday, September 13 Online. The adult study of the gospel lesson for the week ahead begins on Sunday, September 13. Kathy Lynn Johnson will moderate the study and discussion over Zoom each week. The Zoom room will open at 9:30 am and the study discussion begins at 9:45 am and ends in time for the YouTube worship premiere. If you are attending in-person worship, you can bring your device and use a room at Memorial to log onto Zoom. The Zoom link will be available on Facebook and e-news prior to September 13.

Sunday School Begins At-Home. After the Council decision to pull-back on in-person activities until virus metrics improve, each family with children 3 years through 4th grade will receive materials to conduct an at-home Sunday School. There will be online resources for a virtual classroom as well as ideas and materials for other ways to grow faith. Families are encouraged to partner with other families they feel safe to be with and form a neighborhood class with parents taking turns to lead.

A bag of materials for the month of September will be available by the end of the week for pick-up or delivery. This pattern will continue as an option for families even when an in-person option resumes.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

For Those in Hospice

Mary Moore, home hospice care

Prayers for Healing

Karen Anderson, Almeda Warner, Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever, Jaylee Bartleson, Doris Andresen. Gary Kluever, 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

For Those Who Mourn

Correction: Ronald Johnson died August 8j in Oxford, Mississippi. We extend Christian sympathy to his brother, Ken, and all the family.

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.