

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ October 18, 2020

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the +Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson *Isaiah 45:1-7*

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;

power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



Gospel *Matthew 22:15-22*

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sixth Tenth Graders Confirmed on October 17. We give thanks for the Affirmation of Baptism spoken by Bridget Cahill, Ella Check, Paige Handsaker, Carson Rhodes, Elizabeth Riland, and Libby Seyller. The students and their immediate family and guests gathered for a Service of Evening Prayer.

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> For those interested in the Book of Faith adult study, a break out room will be created after a little time of fellowship.

Two Opportunities to Remember on All Saints. The regular worship service on Sunday, November 1, will include remembering by name. all who have died since the last All Saints We name Memorial members and also family members named on our prayer card.

An evening Zoom Service of Word and Prayer is also offered at 6:00 pm on November 1 for those wishing an online face to face opportunity to hear the names read again and to light a candle at home in remembrance.

Start Thinking About 2021. Even during the pandemic the church remains at work. Your support of the mission and ministry of Memorial is vital. Please begin to prayerfully consider your intent for giving for 2021. Materials will be mailed by the end of October.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

Edith Bloomquist, *Rolling Green Skilled Care*

Prayers for Healing

Jim Pappas, Lee Zimmer *father of Sue Lekwa*, Karen Anderson, Almeda Warner, Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever, Jaylee Bartleson, Gary Kluever, Larry Christian, Julie Sutherland, Sheila Collingwood *Lyndsey De Vos' mother*, Lynn Harris, George Forsyth, Cassie Harrell, 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

+Ann Hansen died Saturday, October 10, at her home in Missouri. The family will hold a private lakeside service with a family graveside service at later date. We extend Christian sympathy to her daughter, Kenzie (Fred) Alderson, grandsons, Peyton and Aiden, and all the family.