

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ October 25, 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 *Jeremiah 31:*

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Lesson *Romans 3:19-28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.



Gospel *Matthew John 8:31-36*

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

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 creat-
ed after a little time of fellowship.

Two Opportunities to Remember on All Saints. The regular
worship service on Sunday, November 1, will include remem-
bering, 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.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433218680>

Start Thinking About 2021. Even during the pan-
demic 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.

**Pastor Bob and Kris Edwards Celebrate 50th
Wedding Anniversary.** If you would like to send a
card, please mail to:
1415 Prairie Drive
Story City, IA 50248

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

Edith Bloomquist, *Rolling Green Skilled Care*

Prayers for Healing

Jim Pappas, Karen Anderson, Almeda Warner,
Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever, Jaylee Bartleson,
Gary Kluever, Larry Christian, Julie Sutherland, Shei-
la 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 Haus-
ner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman,
Jan Cook, Margie Nahnsen

For Those Who Mourn

+Gerlad Yeazel died October 19 at the Eastern Star
Masonic Home in Boone. Funeral services were held
at Memorial on Saturday, October 24. We extend
Christian sympathy to his children and all the family.

+Lee Zimmer died October 20 at the Good Samaritan
Home in St. Ansgar, Iowa. A memorial service will be
held at a later date. We extend Christian sympathy to
his daughter, Sue Lekwa, and all the family.