

# The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ November 1, 2020

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our light and our salvation.

**C** Amen.

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

With all the saints, we are clothed with God's forgiveness and mercy.

Let us give thanks for our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you, holy God.

You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the everlasting wellspring.

You gather your people from sea to sea.

You quench our thirst, and you comfort all who weep.

Your Son stands among us, Shepherd and Lamb,

to lead all the saints through death to life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit.

May this water be a sign of the end of all tears;

for we stand under the name above

every name, Jesus your Son,

who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

## First Lesson *Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Psalm 34

## Second Lesson *1 John 3:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



## 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,

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.  
and his kingdom will have no end.

## Remembrance of the Saints

### Prayers of Intercession

#### Lord's Prayer

#### Blessing

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, +Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

#### Dismissal

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**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 created after a little time of fellowship.

### A Second Opportunity to Remember on All Saints.

An evening Zoom Service of Word and Prayer is offered this evening at 6:00 pm on 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>

**Help Feed Nevada School Families.** Memorial is once again partnering with Nevada Parks and Recreation to prepare meals for Nevada families. The need is great this year. You can help by donating any of the following items: canned green beans, canned corn, canned cream corn, cans of cream of mushroom soup. You can deliver your cans now through November 12 to the church or Gates Hall. Thank you for keeping this ministry going during an important time.

**November Sunday School Packets Delivered.** The At-Home Sunday School materials are delivered for November, This month the children will learn about Deborah, Elisha and Elijah, Esther and Daniel.

**Church Council Meets November 5.** The Council will report on contacts to council nominees and continue conversation about implementing ministry goals.

## 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, 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