

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ November 8, 2020

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our sisters and brothers.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved human community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through +Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 70

REFRAIN: "Great is the Lord! He is my Helper."

¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to
shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and | be disgraced. REFRAIN

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over
me

turn back because | of their shame.
⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in
you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great | is the LORD!" REFRAIN

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to
me quick- | ly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, | do not tarry. REFRAIN

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



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

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 creat-
ed after a little time of fellowship.

Advent Devotions with Holy Communion

Pastor Duane will offer small gatherings during the weeks of
Advent for devotions and Holy Communion. A schedule is be-
ing developed that will include both daytime and evening open-
ings. You can call for a reservation at 382-6509, or watch for a
Sign-up Genius soon.

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.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

For Those Hospitalized

.Alberta Stansbury, *Mercy Medical Center*
Edith Bloomquist, *Rolling Green Skilled Care*

Prayers for Healing

Harlen Johnsen, Jim Pappas, Karen Anderson,
Almeda Warner, Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever,
Jaylee Bartleson, Gary Kluever, Larry Christian, Julie
Sutherland, Sheila Collingwood *Lyndsey De Vos' moth-*
er, 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