

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ February 21, 2021

Thanksgiving for the Word

Holy God,
our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide,
by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas,
wells and springs,
and in mercy you provided water for your people in the
wilderness.

For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O
God.

We thank you, O God.

We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert,
calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness,
and walking with us into newness of life.

For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.

We glorify you, O God.

Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit,
that strengthened by your Word,

we may care for others and for the world you made,
and work for justice and peace for all.

For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O
God.

We praise you, O God.

Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing,
Holy God, now and forever.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson *Genesis 9:8-17*

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am
establishing my covenant with you and your descendants
after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the
birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth
with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my
covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by
the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to
destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the cove-
nant that I make between me and you and every living crea-
ture that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my
bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant be-
tween me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth
and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my cove-
nant that is between me and you and every living creature of
all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to
destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it
and remember the everlasting covenant between God and
every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God
said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have es-
tablished between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalms 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R
⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all | the day long.
⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgres-
sions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the
sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faith-
fulness

to those who keep your covenant and
your | testimonies. R #

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Second Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22*

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for
the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put
to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which
also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in
prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God
waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of
the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved
through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now
saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as
an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the res-
urrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and
is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and
powers made subject to him.

Gospel *Mark 1:9-15*

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and
was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was
coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a
voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wil-
derness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted
by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels
waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The
time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting
The Church Council calls
a congregational meeting
on Sunday, February, 21, at 10:00 am
for the purpose of calling a pastor to
Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada, Iowa.

The discussion portion of the meeting will take place
online using Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670317202>

Or by phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 836 7031 7202

Paper balloting will take place at
Memorial Lutheran Church.

View Pastor Kathleen Lotz's Video Introduction. A video
introduction from Pastor Kathleen Lotz can be found on Memo-
rial's YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr1x3jo4DVuhWDMzThNdXHQ?view_as=subscriber

**Devotions with Holy Communion Continue on Thursdays
and Saturdays.** Call the church office at 382-6509 to reserve a
slot or use the new Sign Up Genius: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EA20-weekly](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EA20-weekly)

In-Person Sunday School Resumes February 28. Sunday
School for ages 3 through 6th grade resumed in an All-Ages
format next Sunday at 10:00 am. Children will be masked and
sit in family groups with physical distancing in place in fellow-
ship hall.

NLC Virtual Hymn Festival: Hope Lives!

Join the National Lutheran Choir and guest artists, the Keith
Hampton Singers, for a FREE virtual program blending spoken
reflections, songs and familiar hymns of joy and hope with new
music that speaks to our present time, inviting all people of faith
to sing in joy *together!* **Sunday, March 14 @ 4pm (Central
Daylight Time) @ NLCA.com**

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

Prayers for Healing

Fred Samuelson, Gary Kluever, Harlen Johnsen, Jim
Pappas, Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever, Jaylee
Bartleson, 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 Haus-
ner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman,
Jan Cook, Margie Nahnsen