

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ March 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

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 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in
your sight;

so you are justified when you speak and right | in your
judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

Second Reading *Hebrews 5:5-10*

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but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

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Gospel *John 12:20*

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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

Devotions with Holy Communion Continue on March 25. Pastor Duane will be on vacation this coming week, but will resume devotions the following week. 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>

In-Person Sunday School Resumes on March 21. Sunday School meets at 10:00 am in fellowship hall.

Add or Update Your Directory Picture. Dan Stieler sent an email inviting you to add a picture to the online church directory if you have not done so or update your picture if you have. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

Memorial Seeks Bids for Lawn Care Services. If you, or someone you know, would like to prepare a proposal to provide lawn mowing and trimming service for the 2021 growing season, you can pick up a proposal form from the guest table in the narthex. All proposals are due by noon on Friday, April 9.

Fellowship and Adult Study Continues on Sundays. 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.

Farewell Open Houses for Deacon Jodi This Week. You are invited to attend one of three open houses this week to have a face to face farewell with Deacon Jodi over Zoom on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The same link will be used for each open house: Jodi Schuman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81778191926>

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 Hausner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman, Jan Cook, Margie Nahnsen

For Those Who Mourn

+Margaret Nady died Friday, March 12, at home. A public celebration of life will be held in June. We extend Christian sympathy to her son, Chris, and all the family.