

# The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ March 28, 2021

## Procession with Palms

## Passion Sunday Introduction

## Prayer of the Day

### First Lesson *Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my  
throat | and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with  
sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my  
bones | are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my  
neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
I am as useless as a | broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all  
around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot  
to | take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You | are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love."

### Gospel *Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]*

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consulta-  
tion with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They  
bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pi-  
late. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He  
answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused  
him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no  
answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But  
Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them,  
anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas  
was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder dur-  
ing the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask  
Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he an-  
swered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of  
the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that  
the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests  
stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them  
instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish  
me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They  
shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what  
evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify  
him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Bar-  
abbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over  
to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the  
palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they  
called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in  
a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a  
crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him,  
"Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a  
reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to  
him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple  
cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him  
out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from  
the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the  
father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus  
to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a  
skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but  
he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his  
clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each  
should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified  
him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The  
King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two ban-  
dits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who  
passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,  
"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in  
three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the  
cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the  
scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and  
saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let  
the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross  
now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were  
crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole  
land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus  
cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"  
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken  
me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled  
a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to  
him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will  
come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry  
and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was  
torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion,  
who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his  
last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" [



<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.]

## Sermon

## 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

### Holy Week Worship Services

#### Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 9:00am on YouTube

#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm on YouTube

#### Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 12:00pm on YouTube

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4, 9:00am on YouTube

### Devotions with Holy Communion

Pastor Duane will offer devotions and communion on Maundy Thursday (April 1). Sign up with an online reservation on Sign Up Genius: <https://bit.ly/3u0FXnk> or call the church office at 382-6509.

### Sunday School Easter Activities

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside (weather permitting) after the Sunday School Easter lesson today (March 28). There will be *no* Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5. It will resume April 11.

**Add or Update Your Directory Picture.** Pastor Kathleen has access to Memorial's online directory and is beginning to put some names and faces together. Help her out by making sure your information is correct and there is a photo of your household using the email link sent by Dan Stieler. If you need assistance you can contact Dan or 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.

## 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, Glenda Day, Ginny Hausner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman, Jan Cook, Margie Nahnsen

### For Those Who Mourn

+Tom Nervig died Wednesday, March 24. A private graveside service will be held with a memorial service at a later date. We extend Christian sympathy to his wife, Sue, children: Tasha (Jeff) Burnett of Goodyear, AZ, Kirk Nervig of Camdenton, MO, Eric Nervig of Phoenix, AZ, Bret Sampson of Nevada, Annette (Jason) Adams of Ankeny and Brian (Julie) Moussalli of Ankeny; and all of his grandchildren