

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Prelude

Introduction

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!...

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the
righteous:

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace

toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Dismissal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Farewell, Pastor Duane

As we prepare to welcome Pastor Kathleen, we bid farewell and THANK YOU to Pastor Duane for his time as our Interim Pastor. He will be available during Zoom fellowship this Sunday, and will also be at the church from 10:30 - noon on Sunday. Be sure to take one of these opportunities to wish him well!

Staff Update

Next Sunday, April 11th, is Pastor Kathleen's first Sunday with Memorial! Please make sure to add her church email to your directory: pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org in addition, the Church Council has hired Emily Dalthorp to serve as the Interim Parish Administrator until Pastor Kathleen begins and can work with the congregation on future staffing. Emily's email is: emily@mlcnevada.org

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